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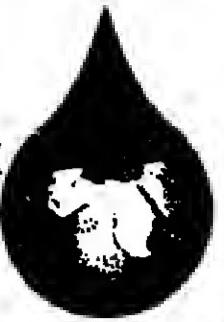
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Hundreds of houses levelled in India and Nepal

Strong earthquake kills at least 600

NEW DELHI, Aug 21, (Agencies): At least 600 people died today along the India-Nepal border in the strongest earthquake to hit the Himalayan foothills in over half a century, officials and news reports said.

Thousands of Indians and Nepalese rushed onto the streets before dawn when tremors rocked a 1,000-mile (1,600 km) belt across northeast India for about 45 seconds.

More than 3,000 were injured in the quake, which seismologists called the deadliest to strike the Himalayan region since 1950.

The tremor levelled hundreds of houses and doctors treating victims in remote towns and villages said they had run out of blood transfusions.

Unofficial sources said the death toll in Nepal alone was at least 550 and India's state-run television said more than 600 people were dead in the two countries. It gave no details.

Warned

The earthquake, which brought down houses and cracked roads, measured 6.7 points on the open-ended Richter Scale at its epicentre, on the India-Nepal border, according to the US Geological Survey in Golden Colorado.

People in the affected areas were warned to expect more tremors in the next few days.

Nearly 300 people were killed in the southeastern part of the Hindu Kingdom of Nepal, with Biratnagar and Dharan bearing the brunt of the impact, Nepali

official sources said.

The Seismological Observatory in New Delhi said the quake occurred at 4.40 am (2310 GMT yesterday) and measured 6.5 on the Richter Scale. It lasted about one minute, and the aftershocks continued for about an hour, observatory director H.N. Srivastava said.

Srivastava said the tremor was centred about 40 to 50 miles (65 to 80 kilometres) northeast of Darbhanga, a town of about 200,000 in Bihar. The location puts the epicentre almost on the India-Nepal border.

Officials said most of the deaths occurred in Darbhanga, Munger and Madhubani districts. More than 25,000 houses in those areas were destroyed, they said.

Preventing

V.K. Sharma, a deputy secretary in the Bihar government, predicted the death toll would rise because many people were seriously injured.

Landslides knocked out communication links on both sides of the border, preventing officials from obtaining information about casualties or damage from the remote, hardest hit areas.

"The tolls have come in only from urban areas," Sharma said in a telephone interview from Patna, the Bihar capital.

The monsoon rains, which hit the sub-continent in late June and usually continue through September, also were hampering rescue operations. More than 50 villages were flooded after the quake shifted embankments.

In Nepal, Shailendra Kumar

Populated

In Bangladesh, about 50 people were drowned when huge waves triggered by the quake capsized five boats in the Jamuna river near Aricha, authorities said. The tremor also jolted parts of northern Bangladesh, Dhaka, and Chittagong, but there were no immediate reports of casualties or damages.

The quake was also felt in the heavily populated states of Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Orissa, United News of India said. Reports of injuries came from the Darjeeling district of West Bengal, the news agency said, but no deaths were reported.

The Press Trust of India news agency said 17 children were killed in Darbhanga town, where a school hostel caved in.

In Biratnagar, where the earthquake killed some 70 people, scores of the injured were lying on the grounds of hospitals filled with other victims, witnesses said.

In nearby Dharan, the quake killed at least 125 people and levelled the marketplace and the suburb of Bijayapur, witnesses

said.

"I heard a hissing sound and I was trapped under some beams of a building," Ratul Choudhuri, lying in a Dharan hospital, told reporters.

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Rescue workers search through the rubble of a house which collapsed near Kathmandu after an earthquake struck the area. (Reuter wirephoto)

In another bed, Binaya Adhikari was screaming in pain from his wounds, suffered when part of his flimsy house collapsed.

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Kuwait hopes peace will prevail

THE Council of Ministers yesterday expressed hope that the implementation of a ceasefire between Iraq and Iran will bring peace and prosperity to the region.

The cabinet, in its weekly meeting chaired by HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, also expressed deep sorrow on the death of Pakistan's President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq in a plane crash last week.

The cabinet yesterday discussed the implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 598 and the deployment of the UN observers on the Iraqi-Iranian border.

Efforts

Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rasheed Al Rashed said the cabinet appreciated the role played by the UN, particularly the efforts of the Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, to bring the Gulf war to an end.

Rashed also said that Minister of Planning and acting Public Health Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, who attended Zia's funeral, briefed the cabinet.

The ministers expressed condolences to all Islamic countries, the Pakistani people and the family of Zia-ul-Haq, Rashed said.

Ban on Coca-Cola to be lifted

THE GCC states have agreed to end their boycott of the US Coca-Cola company and lift the 20-year ban against their products, according to sources at the Israeli boycott bureau.

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UN boats patrol Gulf

Iraq, Iran trade charges of truce violations

BAGHDAD, Aug 21, (Reuters): UN officials said today the two-day-old ceasefire between Iran and Iraq was holding despite charges of violations by both sides.

"The ceasefire is operational," the Yugoslav Commander of the international UN monitoring force, Major-General Slavko Krstic, said at UN headquarters in Baghdad.

In signs of a slow return to normality, some transport services were restored in parts of western Iran regarded as battle zones until the ceasefire took effect at 0300 GMT yesterday.

Iraq said an Iranian sniper shot dead one of its soldiers on the central front about three hours after the ceasefire deadline.

Burst

Iran denied the charge, but said Iraqi soldiers on the central front had violated the ceasefire at about the same time with a burst of small arms fire.

The Iranian news agency IRNA said the firing of 10 shots took place in the presence of officers of the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNII-MOG). There was no immediate comment from Baghdad or UNIIMOG.

Gulf-based shipping sources said that two UN patrol craft, one described as a speedboat, are patrolling the strategic Strait of Hormuz, gateway to the Gulf, and the Shatt Al Arab waterway.

which marks the southern boundary between Iran and Iraq.

It was the first report of UN craft on patrol since the ceasefire took effect.

Iraq and Iran also quarrelled over shipping in the Gulf, where Tehran claimed the right to continue intercepting Iraqi-bound war cargoes until a comprehensive peace was established.

It said it searched an Iraqi merchant ship yesterday but allowed it to proceed.

Ignored

Iraq, which sent the ship into the Gulf through the Strait of Hormuz as a test of the ceasefire, said an Iranian helicopter hovered overhead but the captain ignored a demand to stop.

"The Iranians lied because they did not inspect the Iraqi ship Khawla," the Iraqi News Agency (INA) quoted a naval commander as saying.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz protested to the United Nations about the Khawla incident and told Jovic that Iraq would resist any Iranian moves to intercept vessels sailing to Iraqi ports.

Jovic said the UN observers had no confirmed report on the Iraqi charge that one of its soldiers had been killed.

"This is an isolated incident," said a senior UN official who asked not to be identified. "It's a long ceasefire line and it's remarkable that nothing more

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Oil exports through Gulf

Iraq has secret pipeline ready

Bahrain, Aug 21, (Agencies): Iraq has a secret pipeline that emerged unscathed from the war with Iran ready to export oil through the Gulf again, oil and shipping sources said today.

But the sources could not confirm if the pipeline to the Umm Qasr port was used yesterday to load the first Iraqi tanker to enter the waterway since 1980, only hours after a UN-brokered ceasefire in the eight-year-old war took effect.

"Iraq had built a pipeline to Umm Qasr in 1985 with starting oil exports from the Gulf, but then Iran took Faw peninsula making it impossible," an oil industry executive said.

Iraq said it had sent 18,000 tonnes of crude oil on the 18,000-tonne oil loading terminal at Faw yesterday, but oil and shipping sources said its whereabouts were a mystery.

With Iraq's two deepwater Gulf terminals destroyed by Iran in the early years of the war, Baghdad's announcement that it had renewed exports via the Gulf surprised the oil community.

Iraq had been unable to export crude from the Gulf since the start of the war with Iran and had relied on pipelines through Saudi Arabia and Turkey, and road tankers through Jordan and Turkey to maintain export oil revenues needed to pay for the war.

Oil industry sources said the capacity of the pipeline to Umm Qasr was not known, but judging from the size of yesterday's ship-

ment it could not be very large.

"It is uneconomical to ship 18,000 tonnes of crude on tankers," one shipping source said. "Iraq must have been trying to make a point of free passage through the Gulf."

Oil companies usually charter tankers with a capacity of 200,000 to 400,000 tonnes for oil shipments out of the Gulf.

Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi told the state-run Iraqi News Agency (INA) yesterday that they would gradually increase the exports out of the Gulf.

Needs

But Gulf-based oil traders said Iraq does not need to export small quantities from the Gulf as currently meet its needs better.

Meanwhile, Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh said that a new oil loading terminal at Gavaneh in the northern end of the Gulf began operations soon after the Gulf war ceasefire took effect yesterday.

Docked

He said the first tanker docked at Gavaneh, 40 miles (65 kilometres) northeast of the heavily bombed Kharb island terminal yesterday.

Gavaneh has an estimated export capacity of two million barrels a day, but Aqazadeh said that could be increased in the future.

He said that "apart from the United States, South Africa and the (Israeli) regime occupying Jerusalem, we will sell oil to any country that wants to buy it."



Ghulam Ishaq Khan

ty," he said.

Ishaq Khan said he was operating with full powers of a President, but that "a President must be elected finally and when that takes place he will have the normal life of the President of five years."

He said presidential elections would be held 30 days after the federal and parliamentary elections in November.

Asked if the poll would be held on a party basis, Ishaq Khan said, "the elections will be within the framework of the constitution" and later added that "the interpretation of the constitution stands with the Supreme Court."

Acknowledging that he had declared an emergency, he repeated a previous assertion that Zia's plane was sabotaged in an assassination plot by unknown attackers.

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Grenade blast injures 25 in Haifa

Strike marks Al Aqsa fire anniversary

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 21, (Agencies): Two Palestinians were killed and six wounded in clashes with Israeli troops today, hospital officials said.

Arabs staged a general strike to mark the 19th anniversary of an arson fire that ravaged the Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem.

Police Minister Chaim Bar-Lev announced the arrest of three West Bank men suspected of hurling a hand grenade that wounded 25 Israelis in a crowded shopping mall in the northeastern

port city of Haifa last night.

In the northern West Bank village of Tubas, soldiers shot and killed 17-year-old Rajah Hamad Hamdan during a clash, according to officials at Al Ittihad Hospital in Nablus. The Army confirmed the death but said it was checking the circumstances.

In Gaza city, in the occupied Gaza Strip, a military spokesman said the Army clamped a curfew on the Bureij refugee camp after 18-year-old Naif Hamad was shot to death during a clash with soldiers.

Meanwhile, Israeli Radio's Arabic service said the three men who hurled the grenade yesterday were a father and two sons who work in Haifa. The three were seen fleeing the scene of the attack, the radio said.

Bar-Lev said some 17 other Arabs were also being questioned.

INTERNATIONAL

Rising floods threaten Khartoum

KHARTOUM, Aug 21. (Reuter): Volunteers raced to build flood barriers in Khartoum today as a relentlessly rising Nile inundated large areas of north and central Sudan and threatened the fringes of the capital, threatening new disaster.

Flood waters roared through similar defences erected in Karima, 350 km northwest of Khartoum, Sudan's news agency SUNA reported from the northern region.

Other press reports said the whole city was under water, apart from a small island of land. SUNA said the resources of the authorities fell far below the needs of the crisis.

Floods swept away entire neighbourhoods in the rich farmland region, the agency said. Thousands of people were homeless and damage to crops and homes was widespread.

Flood, fuel and transport shortages were acute, despite direct Saudi Arabian and Egyptian relief airlifts to the area.

Stranded

Some people were stranded in a few small river islands which had not yet disappeared under water, SUNA said.

The latest reports came a day after the Blue Nile smashed its banks in Wad Medani, Sudan's second largest city of two million people, 200 km south of Khartoum. Authorities there urged riverside residents to leave.

Waters from the Blue and White Niles spilled across low-lying areas on the fringes of Khartoum, still reeling from the devastation of floods caused by torrential rains on Aug 4 and 5.

The Health Ministry said on Saturday that cholera might have killed seven people who died in hospital. Hundreds of thousands of homeless young children are most at risk from predicted outbreaks of cholera, typhoid, malaria, measles or dysentery.

Czechs mark invasion anniversary

PRAGUE, Aug 21. (Reuter): Police allowed 200 Czechoslovaks to demonstrate for political reform on the 20th anniversary of the Soviet-led invasion but detained spokesmen of the country's main human rights movement.

Protesters huddled under umbrellas in driving rain to sing the national anthem in Wenceslas Square. Speakers criticised the absence of political or economic change in Czechoslovakia and spoke admiringly of liberalisation in the Soviet Union.

Several stressed the need for greater religious freedom and more openness in the media.

Western diplomats expressed surprise that police made no effort to break up the 45-minute gathering, although they did check identity papers and the crowd was filmed by a large camera set up in the square.

Speakers urged the crowd in return to the square where Warsaw Pact tanks assembled after rolling into Czechoslovakia in 1968 to crush the "Prague spring" reform movement.

Bombs stored in a hospital

Arms cache seized in Belfast

BELFAST, Aug 21. (AP): Police and British Army troops seized hand-making equipment, four handguns and ammunition discovered in the basement of Belfast's largest hospital early today.

No explosives were found, and patients at the Royal Victoria Hospital were not in danger, said a Belfast police spokesman on condition of anonymity.

Security forces have not linked the explosives to a particular organisation, the spokesman said.

"I am appalled that the sanctity of this... hospital has been desecrated in this way," Douglas Paulin, chairman of the Eastern Health and Social Services Board, which operates the hospital, said in a statement.

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by an IRA bomb near the town of Omagh. Seven men were killed outright and 29 wounded. One more died of his injuries later in the day.

Farmer Alan Rainey, who was with Maginnis in the rescue operation and joined him at the meeting with Thatcher, told journalists: "I heard screams of agony I shall never forget."

"The road was littered with the dead and dying. They were scattered and sprayed across the road, behind the hedges and one poor soul I found wrapped around a telegraph pole," he said.

Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, said in a statement the killing would continue until British rule in Northern Ireland ended.

Death toll

Thatcher, who abandoned her holiday in the mountains, met Northern Ireland Secretary Tim King, Northern Ireland's police chief Sir John Hermon and Army commander Lieutenant-General Sir John Waters.

King told reporters he could not rule out the possibility of internment. But he refused to say

what security chiefs had proposed to combat recent IRA military successes here and in continental Europe, where five soldiers have been killed.

Saturday's attack brought the total number of British soldiers killed in Northern Ireland this year to 21 — just two less than the total for the previous five years.

King said the Czechoslovak Centex explosives used by the guerrillas may have come from a recent consignment of sophisticated arms and ammunition received by the IRA, possibly from Libya.

British officials said an IRA spy in the British forces could have passed on information about the movement of the unmarked Army bus on Saturday.

Armed Forces Minister Archie Hamilton, questioned by journalists before talks with Thatcher, replied: "That obviously is a possibility and something that must be investigated."

The Omagh attack was carried out just weeks after the killing of six soldiers in a bus blast at Lisburn, near Belfast.



A woman received wounds in the neck during massacres in Burundi. (Reuter wirephoto)

Massacres still on in Burundi

MUYAGA, Rwanda, Aug 21. (Reuter): Tribal massacres are still going on in Burundi, according to UN officials and troops in neighbouring Rwanda, and people on the border say they have lost count of the number of bodies floating down the Akanyaru River.

Commander Athanase Wamungu, head of a Rwandan military unit in Muyaga, said shooting was heard on the Burundi side of the border on Saturday morning.

"It (the slaughter) is still going on," he said.

Reports from the Burundian capital, Bujumbura, said on Friday that order had been restored.

But Code Cisse, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) representative in Rwanda, told Reuters that a general slaughter of men, women and children was continuing in two communes across the border in Burundi.

About 5,000 refugees a day were crossing into Rwanda to escape the massacre, he said. So far, at least 30,000 have fled, most of the children under 10.

The fighting pits, Burundi's

dominant Tutsi tribe against the Hutu, who form 85 per cent of Burundi's five million people but are effectively excluded from political power and the Army.

Most of the refugees reaching Rwanda are Hutu but some Tutsi are among them.

According to the accounts by refugees and Rwandan officials aiding them, the killings began last Sunday when a former soldier, a Tutsi, shot dead at least two Hutu in Burundi's northern province of Ntuga.

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"It was a frightening feeling to feel this massive tremor when I awoke from my sleep. But at least I survived," Adhikari said.

The earthquake levelled 90 per cent of the houses in Dharan, a popular recruiting centre for Gurkhas joining the British Army, they added.

Both Nepali and Indian officials said they were expecting more casualties from remote areas and Army and police rescue teams had already started digging among the debris in 11 districts of Bihar.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) quoted unofficial sources as saying about 200 people were killed and more than 1,000 injured in Bihar, which borders Nepal.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi will fly to Bihar tomorrow to visit Darbhanga and Munger districts which were among the worst affected in the state, a government spokesman said.

The tremors jolted people out of bed hundreds of miles (km) from the epicentre in Calcutta, the eastern Bangladesh port of Chittagong, and Gangtok, capital of Sikkim.

Two weeks ago, severe earthquakes shook wide tracts at both ends of the Himalayan chain but caused only two deaths.

Elections in Pakistan ...

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decide on petitions already filed by the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), which has been the largest opposition grouping, or free, open elections.

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I welcome the announcement by the President that he will honour the court's decision, said Iqbal Ahmad Khan, Pakistan Muslim League secretary-general.

Appeal

But he added: "Instead of waiting, we appeal to the President to end party-based elections."

Iqbal claimed his moderate party is the highest in Pakistan.

Benazir Bhutto, leader of the left-leaning PPP, makes the same claim. She also welcomed Ishaq Khan's announcement.

"This is a healthy and constructive statement," Benazir said.

"We have already extended our co-operation to the President as long as he is following the constitution and is using constitutional powers," she said.

PLO meets to set date for PNC meeting

TUNIS, Aug 21. (Agencies): The executive committee of the PLO met until the early morning hours today in talks expected to set the date of an upcoming Palestinian parliament session.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat presided over the meeting, which began late yesterday in the Tunisian capital, spokesman said. Also present was Abdehamid Assayeh, Palestine National Council President.

On the agenda were major decisions facing the Palestinians after King Hussein of Jordan's decision to renounce any further role in administering the Israeli-occupied West Bank. Among these is whether the Palestinian National Council should create a Palestinian government-in-exile.

Spokesmen said the executive committee meeting would continue for at least two days, until tomorrow or possibly Tuesday.

The radio also said a power plant in the southwestern city of Ahvaz began operating again last night after war damage had been repaired.

Both sides have turned their attention to rebuilding economies devastated by eight years of war, with the emphasis on exporting oil to pay for the work.

Iraq reopened its international airport at the war-battered port of Basra yesterday.

Tehran Radio, said Iraq's accusations served only to increase tensions.

It reported that President Ali Khamenei visited front-line Iranian troops and urged them to remain ready for action during the war.

Iraq, which declared a holiday today to celebrate the ceasefire, said it would immediately resume oil exports through the Gulf.

Indonesian Energy Minister Giandjar Kartasasmita said today that getting Iraq back into OPEC's oil output quota system was now a top priority for the 13-member group.

Ahbas, a member of the PLO executive committee, told Al Ittihad newspaper the PLO and Jordan had agreed how to implement the休戰.

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Two die at rock concert

DONINGTON, Aug 21. (AP): Two people died and two others were seriously injured when they fell while dancing in a crowd of 100,000 people at a heavy metal rock music festival, police said.

A Leicestershire police spokesman said the four were "slam-dancing" with dozens of people in front of the stage. The technique involves running into other people and jumping up and down to the beat of the music.

"The ground was slippery and it seems they may have slipped and been crushed underneath. It was definitely an accident," a Leicestershire police spokesman said.

"Up until then, there had been no problems at all. There had not been a single arrest — the fans were on their best behaviour," the spokesman said.

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INTERNATIONAL

have contract with God, claims Aquino

(ANILA, Aug 21, (AP): President Corazon Aquino, saying she had a "contract with God," vowed today to bring progress to her divided country despite challenges to her capacity to rule.

Mrs Aquino made the vow in a speech during a Roman Catholic mass commemorating the fifth anniversary of the assassination of her husband, former Sen. Benigno Aquino.

The murder galvanized opposition to then President Ferdinand Marcos and helped pave his way for the February 1986 civilian-military uprising that ended his 20-year rule and swept Mrs Aquino's widow to power.

Mrs Aquino accused opposition groups of trying to weaken national unity, which had been threatened by a succession of coup attempts.

"Every step we have taken toward progress has been

challenged, particularly at this time of the year, by those determined to see this nation fail," Mrs Aquino told some 2,000 supporters at a suburban church.

"But you and I shall not let it," she added. "We will take this nation as far toward recovery and progress as God, duty and the people's support will let me. I shall not relent. I shall not rest. Nothing and no one will deflect me from this task."

Contract

She added: "For my mandate is with this nation, not with its enemies. My covenant is with the constitution, our contract is with God."

Mrs Aquino's remarks appeared to be her answer to a four-page letter from Vice-President Salvador Laurel, which the president has refused to answer in writing.

In the letter, which the Vice-President released to reporters



Aquino: vows

last weekend, Laurel accused Mrs Aquino of incompetence and challenged her to step down and call a new presidential election. He said that if she didn't he would join the opposition.

On Tuesday, Laurel met with various opposition leaders to discuss formation of a unified opposition party, but his call for a new election has failed to gain the support of major politicians.

46 rockets fired at Soviet troops

Afghan rebels step up attacks

MOSCOW, Aug 21, (Reuters): Afghan rebels appear to be stepping up their attacks on Kabul and against Soviet troop units still stationed around it.

Soviet media reported that rebels fired 46 rockets at a group of Soviet paratroopers, apparently within the last few days.

Two people were killed yesterday and three injured when Afghan rebels fired rockets at the town of Mazar-i-Sharif east of the capital Kabul, the official Soviet news agency Tass said today.

Action

The report, quoting the official Afghan news agency Bkhtar, said one of the dead and the three injured were children. It gave no other details.

"Altogether 46 rockets were fired at the unit," Soviet Tass said. "Soviet paratroopers from near Kabul airport, where the troops, part of

a 50,000-strong Soviet contingent still in the country, were stationed. "The rockets were fired from trucks."

The unit's commander, Lieutenant-Colonel V. Denisov, said his men had had to evade action and no one was hurt. The television did not say which day the attack occurred.

"The situation is being aggravated," Denisov added, saying that caravans full of weapons were travelling from Pakistan to near Kabul on an almost daily basis. "But we must not allow the spirit of our soldiers to be broken."

Tass said six civilians, including two women and a child, were injured when a truck packed with explosives blew up in central Kabul.

Afghan rebel leaders joined heads of state and other dignitaries in Islamabad for the fun-

eral of Pakistan's President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, a firm supporter of the rebel cause despite increasing protests from the Kremlin and the Soviet-backed government in Kabul.

Pressure

Afghan rebels have been piling on the pressure since the Kremlin, in line with a UN-mediated accord, has completed the withdrawal of half the 100,000 or so of its troops stationed in the country.

The Kremlin has denounced

Pakistan for supporting the rebels in what it says is clear defiance of the accord, signed by both Pakistan and Afghanistan in Geneva in April. The Soviet Union and United States are guarantors.

Two weeks ago the rebels seized the northern city of Kunduz after the withdrawal of Soviet forces. They held it for almost a week and shot down an

Afghan transport plane carrying government troops to the city.

The rebels have also been bombing the outskirts of Kabul and the eastern city of Jalalabad, killing several people. Afghan Foreign Minister Abdul Wali said on Thursday they had drastically stepped up activities in the south and southern provinces from which Soviet troops had withdrawn.

Setback

And, in what would be a serious setback for the Afghan government, guerrilla sources said on Friday they had launched a rocket attack on an ammunition dump near Kabul, killing 500 people and injuring 250.

However, neither the official Soviet nor Afghan media have mentioned the alleged explosion.

Singapore MPs retired

SINGAPORE, Aug 21, (UPI): Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew's ruling People's Action Party (PAP) today retired 14 members of parliament in a shake-up that upsets many party loyalists.

The retirement of the older representatives, some who have held ministry positions, is viewed by analysts as a purge of the PAP's "old guard," and represents only the first of many changes slated for the ruling party.

While 14 new candidates for parliamentary elections, scheduled Sept 3, were presented at a PAP rally, assistant secretary-general Goh Chok Tong said the retirement of the older members "is part of a necessary self-renewal process."

Goh said the retirement of the members was "not a pleasant exercise." Some of the 14 who have been retired are close confidants of Lee.

First real test for Maung Maung

Burmese plan general strike

BANGKOK, Aug 21, (AP): Truckloads of soldiers stood watch today as up to 2,000 demonstrators in Burma's capital rallied support for a demand nationwide strike to demand an end to one-party rule, an Asian diplomat said.

Diplomats say the general strike called for Monday would be the first real test for Maung Maung, who became President and head of Burma's ruling party after bloody demonstrations toppled hardliner Sein Lwin. The five days of unrest across Burma began Aug 8, the day student leaders had called for a general strike.

Maung Maung, a Western-educated lawyer, is Burma's first civilian leader since a 1962 military coup, but student leaders were not satisfied and immediately called for the strike.

The diplomat in Rangoon said 1,000 to 2,000 demonstrators rallied in front of Rangoon General Hospital, where similar gatherings took place virtually every day last week. Parked there were five trucks carrying 10-15 armed soldiers each, but no confrontations were reported, the

diplomat said.

He said demonstrators had posted on the hospital walls posters saying: "We want a multi-party system" and "join the general strike."

In the Aug 8-12 demonstrations, security forces repeatedly fired on protesters, and state-run Radio Rangoon said Saturday that 112 people were killed and 267 wounded in the capital alone. Rangoon-based diplomats believe the toll was higher.

Death toll

Soldiers since then have not interfered with rallies, and authorities have signalled a much more tolerant approach to protest, which has been fuelled partly by economic hardships in one of the world's poorest nations.

The Asian diplomat said the middle class and intellectuals

Car bomb injures 14 in West Beirut

BEIRUT, Aug 21, (Reuters): A car rigged with explosives and hand grenades blew up near a Syrian checkpoint in West Beirut today, wounding at least 14 people.

Police said a Syrian soldier was among those injured in the blast—an apparent attack on Syria's 25,000-strong military presence in Lebanon.

Two days earlier a car bomb was discovered by Syrian troops and defused near the Central Bank in the Western half of the divided capital.

Syrian soldiers cordoned off the Rauche coastal area after the explosion and fired automatic rifles into the area as they screamed at passers-by to evacuate the area.

Fire

Witnesses said shattered glass, bloodstains, twisted metal and debris littered the bombed area. The blast also set fire to nearby cars and damaged the popular seafood Nasser restaurant.

"We woke up to this sound of a big explosion, crackle of gunfire, and the voices of the Syrians shouting nearby," a resident told Reuters.

"Then they sealed off the place and told us to remain indoors.

Floods claim more lives in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Aug 21, (AP): Nine people were killed by heavy flooding in five northwestern districts of Bangladesh, raising the death toll to 13, officials said today.

A senior district official at Faridpur, 64 kilometers southwest of Dhaka, said five people, including two women and two children, were killed yesterday when their boat capsized in the Kumar River. Two more deaths were reported in Chapainawabganj and one each from Manikganj and Magura districts.

The flooding episode, the third in Bangladesh this year, has affected over 100,000 people and damaged crops over large areas in the five districts.

Officials at the Flood Control and Water Resources Ministry here said today that major rivers, including the Ganges and Brahmaputra, were likely to flood in the country's northern and central districts in the coming weeks.

Flash floods during June and July claimed at least 60 lives and caused damage worth \$466 million to crops and property.

Egyptian court acquits 15 in subversion case

CAIRO, Aug 21, (AP): A state security court today acquitted all but one of 16 people charged with attempting sabotage and terrorism in a conspiracy with Libyan agents, the state-run Middle East News Agency said.

MENA said the third defendant, Gamal Mounib, was sentenced to five years in jail.

MENA said the rest of the defendants, totalling 15, were acquitted for lack of evidence.

Mounib, an electronics engineer, was found guilty of illegal possession of arms and explosives and of using them to expose the properties of others in danger.

The court acquitted Mounib, and the rest, of charges which included plotting with Libya to undertake acts harmful to Egypt's political and economic interests; receiving money from Libya; receiving military training in Libya for terrorist attacks.

Mounib and 11 others had also been charged with forming an legal party of a militant nature.

Penal code articles covering

the crimes carry penalties up to life imprisonment at hard labour.

The charges, announced last November, had accused the defendants of "plotting acts of sabotage with Libyan agents against a number of foreign and Egyptian establishments" from 1983 until May 1987.

Explosives

The charge sheet cited an incident in May 1986 in which three of the suspects allegedly prepared and placed explosives outside a joint Egyptian-American bank. The device exploded with a loud bang but caused no damage.

Among the bomb targets also cited were Cairo offices of British Airways and an unspecified US airline, the British-owned Thomas Cook travel agency and a bus taking tourists between Cairo and Tel Aviv. No bombs exploded at any of these targets.

The group included nine professionals, students and peasants and was described as having a militant, pro-Nasser ideology.

Shultz meets Ghali during Cairo stopover

CAIRO, Aug 21, (UPI): US Secretary of State George Shultz, returning from a Pakistan state funeral, met early today with a top Foreign Ministry official for talks about developments in Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Shultz met with Butros Ghali, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, during a brief stopover in Cairo on his way back from Islamabad where he represented the United States at the funeral of Pakistani President Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq.

Ghali, the no. 2 man at the Foreign Ministry, said his talks with Shultz dealt with the situation in Pakistan, a key US ally in Asia, following Zia's death last Wednesday in the explosion of a military transport plane.

Ghali said the talks also covered developments in the Middle East and the negotiations between South Africa and Angola on independence for Namibia and the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola.

The Middle East News Agency said Shultz, before departing from Islamabad, met with Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid, who represented Egypt at Zia's funeral.

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Kuwait free from cholera

KUWAIT is free from cholera, acting Under-secretary at the Ministry of Public Health, Ibrahim Al Mudaf, said recently.

The ministry took steps to face an outbreak of cholera and other diseases among expatriates, especially those from South Asian countries, he said.

Discussing other health issues, Al Mudaf also said the ministry has solved the problem of a shortage of some medicines and imported all needed medical equipment.

The ministry sends technical teams to supervise the shipping and packing of Kuwait's medical imports. Only the best medicines and other medical supplies are brought to Kuwait, he said.

The under-secretary praised the Ministry of Finance for its co-operation with the Health Ministry and for its development of health services in Kuwait.

The ministry allocated KD 15 million for medicines this year. All urgent needs for medicine and equipment will be met even if the budgeted amount is not sufficient, he said.

Al Mudaf also said the Council of Ministers sent several thousands of tons of medicine and medical equipment to Sudan to help flood victims in that country. He called on all Arab states to do the same.

Qatari official pays rare visit to China

BAHRAIN, Aug 21, (Reuters): A senior Qatari official left Doha for a rare visit to China today, the emirate's official news agency said.

The brief report said Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Sheikh Hamad Bin Sulaiman Al Thani left Doha this morning for a visit to China which would last several days.

Qatar has no diplomatic ties with Peking. It established links with Moscow on Aug 1, leaving only Saudi Arabia and Bahrain among the Gulf states without Soviets.

Relations between Washington and Qatar have been strained since it acquired a dozen sophisticated US Stinger surface-to-air missiles on the black market.

Washington said it would not sell arms to Qatar until it returned them.

Citizens fail to submit documents

SALEH Al Yahia, deputy director of the Savings and Credit Bank, said loan payments to citizens who got land allotments have been delayed because citizens failed to submit relevant documents. The loans can be obtained in only 20 days if the necessary papers are produced. He also said the KD54,000 in loans granted for house building are quite sufficient.

Al Yahia called on authorities to end the confusion over distribution of land allotments and to put together a new housing policy. He also called for the building of flats instead of villas because of the limited amount of land available for housing projects.

According to the National Housing Authority's plan, 7,000 land allotments will be distributed to citizens. The bank will pay KD405 million in construction loans, a sum which could be put to better use in the form of investments, Al Yahia said.

Al Yahia also denied that the bank is to be annexed to the National Housing Authority and said authorities are not studying any such proposal.

Chinese minister ends Iraq visit

BAGHDAD, Aug 21, (KUNA): Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister Qi Husiuyan today concluded a two-day visit to Baghdad.

The Chinese official met with Iraqi First Deputy Premier Isha Yassin Ramadan. They discussed the Iraq-Iran ceasefire and bilateral relations between China and Iraq.

The Chinese minister also met with his Iraqi counterpart and discussed developments in the Gulf region. The senior Iraqi official indicated that his country's acceptance of the UN sponsored Resolution 598 is firm and that Iraq will join talks with Iran scheduled for Thursday in Geneva.

Qi said he hopes that ties between Iraq and Iran will be based on firm principles.

Arab League team visiting China

Baghdad will not give in to pressure: Hammadi

IRAQI Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saadoun Hammadi said here yesterday that his country will do its best to bring about peace with Iran, but warned that Baghdad will not give in to pressure.

Talking to Kuwait News Agency after his arrival here last night, Hammadi said the forthcoming negotiations between the two countries under UN supervision must achieve durable, honourable and comprehensive peace, not only between Iran and Iraq, but also between Iran and the Arab countries in the long run.

Hammadi arrived here from Baghdad on his way to Beijing as part of a delegation of the Arab League committee formed to monitor developments in the eight-year-old Gulf war.

He and Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed will explain to the Chinese leaders the



Sheikh Sabah

Arab viewpoint on the Gulf conflict.

The two Arab officials visited Moscow early this month while other committee teams visited capitals of the remaining five permanent members of the Security Council.

The minister said he was hopeful that the ceasefire that

went into effect on the war front on Saturday will last and that the area will be free from any problems.

But Hammadi was sceptical about the intentions of the Iranian side. He said Tehran might try to sabotage direct negotiations to be held on Thursday in Geneva by resorting to "illogical" methods or talking about irrelevant issues.

The Iranians might have the illusion that they are victors and that it has the right to impose its own conditions, he said. "But as far as Iraq is concerned, we have always called for peace and made big sacrifices for the sake of peace, but we shall never accept any pressure," the Iraqi minister said.

Hammadi was welcomed on arrival by Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rasheed and Foreign Undersecretary Sulaiman Majid Al Shabeen.

Gulf peace talks

PoWs are a political pawn

NICOSIA, Aug 21, (Reuters): They squat in rows under a blazing sun, the misery of captivity etched on their faces.

There are about 80,000 of them — Iranian and Iraqi prisoners of war — and their fate is one of the first pawns on the table when peace talks open at Geneva in four days.

Neither side won total victory in eight years of fighting, and each is anxious to be seen to win the peace.

Diplomats say the desire to gain the advantage across the negotiating table, as well as arguments over an ill-defined border and disputed access to the Shatt Al Arab waterway, ensure the Geneva talks will drag on for weeks and months.

The issue of prisoners is humanitarian, and both Iran and Iraq should have an equal interest in getting them home promptly. On the face of it, an exchange should be simple.

Accusations

Yet no one, not even the Red Cross, knows precisely how many prisoners there are, the diplomats say.

Each side has accused the other of torturing prisoners, killing some outright and failing to register others.

And some prisoners — voluntarily or under threat of punishment from their captors — have joined dissident military or guerrilla formations which are in

turn likely to prove a stumbling block at the talks.

Iran, for example, says it has granted prisoners political asylum and allows them to live in freedom with their families.

Not all prisoners are Iranian or Iraqi; for Tehran says it has captured Arabs of several nationalities working with the Iraqis. These too will have to be repatriated.

The diplomats say there is the further complication that some prisoners are not simply soldiers, but high-ranking officials of some political value to their captors.

One example is former Iranian Oil Minister Mohammad Javad Tondgouyan, seized along with other officials by Iraqi forces while driving through a contested area in a minibus.

Analysts say the prisoners have been absorbed into the extensive propaganda war between Iran and Iraq, with each side trying to demonstrate humanity by presenting the way it deals with their captives in growing terms.

Iran has been at pains to show how "volunteers" — the term it used for Iraqi prisoners apparently willing to collaborate — are well-treated.

They are shown on Iranian television at Friday prayers, wearing blue uniforms, seated in special sections of mosques and shouting political slogans.

The bargaining is just starting, the diplomats say.

Occasional family visits are publicised, and Iran shows Christian prisoners celebrating Christmas. Sometimes, a Christian priest is brought in from abroad for special services.

The first task of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) will be to gain access to all prisoners in order to draw up an accurate register.

ICRC visits to Iraqis held in Iranian camps have been barred since December 1987 in a dispute over the terms of prison visits.

Iran initially banned the ICRC from camps in 1984 after accusations of it spying and inciting a riot in one prison.

Last April, ICRC president Cornelio Sommaruga urged Tehran to provide information on 15,000 Iraqi captives who remained unaccounted for. He also charged Iraq with failing to register prisoners since January last year.

Number

In April, ICRC figures for prisoners of war registered since September 1980 stood at 49,285 Iraqis and 12,747 Iranians.

Iraq says it took 18,000 more Iranian captives since then.

One self-declared objective of the Iraqi military offensive launched after Iran's acceptance of the UN-sponsored ceasefire on July 18 was to put more Iranian soldiers behind bars.

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The committee will make recommendations next week, according to the source, who hinted that most of the shops will remain valid until alternatives are provided by concerned authorities.

Problems at the shops will be settled by the end of October and before the grace period granted to the shops is over, the source said.

Training programme

NINETY-THREE students from different schools participated in a training programme organised for the first time by the Ministry of Education.

The programme is aimed at developing students' respect for manual work and teaching different skills, the head of the social activities section of the ministry, Jasem Yaqoub said.

A delegation visited several companies and national establishments to give officials an idea of the programme's objectives and of its benefits to students. Only seven out of 85 establishments agreed to participate in the project. Yaqoub said he hoped for more interest and co-operation next year.

The social activities section organises tours and field trips as well as Umra journeys for students. Two Umra trips were run by the section this summer, funded by HH the Amir.

The section also supervises canteens at schools, organises visits abroad and receives foreign delegations.

Youth centre members

ABDUL Rahman Al Mazroui, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, said that the number of youth centre members in different areas of Kuwait reached 11,940 at the end of the first quarter of this year.

Eight youth centres receive children between six and 18 years of age in various residential areas.

Al Mazroui also said that kindergartens give younger children the chance to participate in constructive activities. Entertainment centres for mothers and children are important educational establishments which enable youngsters to use their time productively, satisfy their interests and learn social interaction, he said.

Hilal Mohammed Khayri said limited discipline is necessary, but added that children should also be allowed a degree of freedom.

Airlines plan to resume flights to Iraq and Iran

BAHRAIN, Aug 21, (Reuters): Several major airlines plan to fly again to Tehran and Baghdad now the guns are no longer pointing skywards.

But they said today they were waiting to see if the Gulf war ceasefire held before sending their airliners into previously hostile war zones.

British Airways said it would soon after dawn yesterday. More than 24 hours later no serious violations were reported.

"There is great potential, but we must make sure it is safe first," said Abdulla Karim, public relations manager for Gulf Air, one of the top-regional carriers.

Gulf Air was among major carriers including British Airways and Air India which suspended flights to Baghdad in March 1987.

The airlines' caution was tragically justified on July 3 this year when the US Navy shot down an Iran Air aircraft over the Strait of Hormuz killing all 290 people on board.

The airliner, which was ascending and in a commercial flight corridor between the southern Iranian city of Bandar Abbas and the Gulf emirate of Dubai,

Arrangements made

THE Civil Aviation Authority followed all the required procedures and made arrangements to receive passengers returning from their summer holiday, Issa Al Mazidi, Minister of State for Service Affairs, said.

He added that 315,528 passengers entered the country through the airport in the last three months, whilst 479,532 left the country in the same period (May, June and July). The figures represent a six per cent increase over the same period last year.

Al Mazidi said that flights at Kuwait Airport bandied by Kuwait Airways, Arab and foreign airlines numbered 3,228 regular flights and 530 additional flights in the same three month period.

Teacher shortage unlikely

THE director of Hawalli educational area, Abdullah Al Riaib, has expressed hopes for a full recovery from teaching staff shortages by the beginning of the next academic year.

He pointed out that the shortages started at the end of last year as a result of resignations and retirements among teaching staff at different schools. He praised the system adopted by the ministry for the coming academic year which calls upon newly-appointed teachers to start their official duties on Sept 1.

The Iranians might have the illusion that they are victors and that it has the right to impose its own conditions, he said. "But as far as Iraq is concerned, we have always called for peace and made big sacrifices for the sake of peace, but we shall never accept any pressure," the Iraqi minister said.

He also called on school principals to crack down on cheating among students.

Al Riaib said plans for school administration, changes, improving teachers' teaching abilities, enhancing students' scientific gains and funding new programmes for outstanding students.

Friday market to reopen soon

THE Friday market (Souk Al Haraj) will reopen soon, an official source at Kuwait Municipality said.

The municipality recently recommended resumption of activities at the Friday market at the same location in the Al Rai Industrial Area, the source said.

The market was shut down by the former municipal council.

Some restrictions governing dealings in the market are being set up by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Chamber of Commerce, according to the source.

Meanwhile, a committee of representatives from Kuwait Municipality, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the Ministry of State for Municipal Affairs and the Interior Ministry is evaluating the activities of some shops in residential areas.

The committee will make recommendations next week, according to the source, who hinted that most of the shops will remain valid until alternatives are provided by concerned authorities.

Problems at the shops will be settled by the end of October and before the grace period granted to the shops is over, the source said.

No food for kindergartens

A RESPONSIBLE source at the Ministry of Education has revealed that the ministry will not provide for children at kindergartens from the beginning of the new academic year.

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The source questioned the ministry's decision to stop providing kindergartens with food since it spent KD2 million on equipment for the central kitchen last year.

The source also said that private companies still use unsanitary methods. He said he expects health and nutrition standards to fall since the authorities will not be able to control private food companies.

East German exhibition

ACTING secretary general of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters, Dr Sulaiman Al Askeri, met yesterday with the East German ambassador to Kuwait.

They discussed plans for the German Formative Arts Exhibition in Kuwait scheduled for Oct 10 to Nov 3 at the Abdullah Al Salem District's Arts Gallery.

They also discussed a similar exhibition for Kuwaiti formative arts in East Germany. The exhibition is planned for early next year.

They also discussed the benefits of East German expertise in Kuwaiti children's cultural centres. The East German side said it will offer all possible assistance in this sphere.

Arabs make up 63.3pc of all foreigners in Kuwait

Number of Asian expats doubles

ACCORDING to the results of the 1985 general census released by the Central Statistics Department, 98.3 per cent of the expatriates in Kuwait are Arabs and Asians.

Although 35 per cent of

Kuwait's expatriates were Asian in 1985, their proportion nearly doubled since 1975, when they formed only 18.7 per cent of the country's expatriate population.

Arabs made up 80.2 per cent of all expatriates in Kuwait in 1975.

Tarnished constellation of stars

By Elora Shehabuddin

ATCHING Saazish, I was lured by a sense of *deja vu* very few minutes. I groped for the names of the handful of English movies which had been it together, piecemeal, in a

baphazard manner to create this star-studded 'thriller,' in vain. The originals must have been mutilated beyond recognition.

Saazish is, basically, about a gang that takes deals in order to cash in on insurance policies. A fairly novel slant for the

Indian screen—or am I betraying my relatively limited experience in the field? The director Raj Kumar Kohli may have had good intentions but that's pure speculation on my part since there is little evidence. The story is complicated beyond normal human

comprehension as more and more characters are drawn in; they all just happen to know one another but no explanation or background is provided.

The cast shuttles between Bombay and Singapore with little warning, making it impossible to follow what's going on. I was at a loss to understand why Singapore was chosen; the only time any genuine use was made of the location was a backdrop for a song-and-dance sequence. But I'm fussy: I abhor redundancy.

Wearisome

Ah yes, the story. A summary is nigh impossible since all that sank in was a series of accidents where people die but don't die and, of course, the wearisome fight-dance-fight sequence. (All ye unbelievers out there, I suggest you find out for yourself. It will cost you three solid hours...)

Mithun Chakravorty is looking for his sister and Dimple wants to find her brother's killer. They both pick on Raj Kumar, taking a fancy to one another on the way. Raj Kumar dies, his twin brother appears to claim the insurance money, but then someone conveniently pulls off his beard during a fight and, hey, we all discover that Raj Kumar was only pretending to be dead. Nonetheless, he is a good guy and goes through this rigmarole in order to exonerate himself and expose the real culprit.



Mithun warms up with a few dance steps before interrogating Anita Raj about his missing sister.

I think I should restrain myself at this point and not ruin what little suspense there is in the film by telling you who the mastermind is. You might even consider it insulting: a modicum of intelligence is all that's required to discover the identity of the mob leader.

The makers of the film did not deem it necessary to include the cast in the credits. Perhaps they could not decide on the order of precedence. Alphabetical maybe? Fortunately, Raj Babbar, Mithun Chakravorty, Dimple Kapadia, Raj Kumar, Amrish Puri, and Anita Raj have all been in enough magazines and, of course, films to render introductions unnecessary.

Saazish possibly started off as a good idea but then got far too crowded: too many characters, too many plots and subplots... You're far better off playing Scrabble or Trivial Pursuit; they might go on for more than three hours but, at least, they won't dull your intellect.

The above film is available at Athari Video, Main St., Farwaniya. Tel: 4712900.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9:00 Holy Quran
- 9:30 Space Adventures
- 10:15 Ibn Al Jabal
- 11:15 Ala Duniya Al Salam
- 12:15 Cultural film
- 1:00 News
- 1:05 World today via satellite
- 1:30 Summer clubs
- 2:00 Variety show
- 2:30 Al Ajiba
- 3:35 Cartoons
- 4:15 Denmark vs. Spain: 1986 World Cup
- 6:00 Children's programme
- 6:45 Variety show
- 7:10 Al Wan: cultural programme
- 7:50 Science and the Holy Quran
- 8:30 Wa Qalai Al Arah
- 9:00 News in Arabic
- 9:45 Al Saqiyah Tadour
- 10:45 Arabic feature film: "Al Emak" starring Fareed Shawki, Mariam Fakhri Al Din, Emad Hamdi and Mahmoud Al Malig.

- 10:00 Hitchcock: "Houdini on Channel Four"
- 10:30 The Equalizer: "Shadow Play"
- 11:30 News summary: Magazine d'Actualite' Closdown

KTV 2

- 6:00 Holy Quran
- 6:10 Galtar
- 6:30 The Craft of the Weaver: "Fibre and Frame". A look at the spinning-wheel, the frame loom and a grinseng from Bah.
- 7:00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news and regional events.
- 7:30 The Duck Factory: "Children's Half Hour".
- 8:00 News in English
- 8:30 Miami Vice: "Lombard". The squad goes after a not-so-scrupulous businessman.
- 9:30 Private Benjamin: "Judy undercover". Judy helps a friend who is being blackmailed by a soldier who lent her some money.
- 10:00 Hitchcock: "Houdini on Channel Four"
- 10:30 The Equalizer: "Shadow Play"
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Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



Hitchcock presents 'Houdini on Channel Four' at 10:00 pm.

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RADIO PROGRAMMES

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- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Good Books
- 30 Anything Goes
- 0400 Newswise
- 30 Where Angels Fear to Tread
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Wayeguides
- 0900 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Nature Notebook
- 45 Recording of the Week
- 0600 Newswise
- 30 The Stuarts (ex 1st and 8th Film of the Book)
- 6700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 The Cross and the Crescent
- 0800 World News

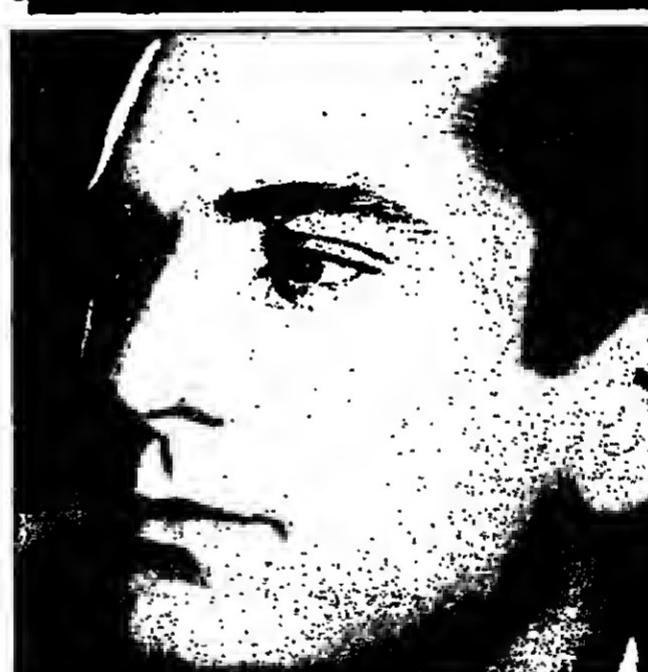
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 1800 Newswise
- 30 Anything Goes (ex 8th and 29th Recording of the Week)
- 45 (8th and 29th only) Sports-world
- 1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
- 45 The Third Policeman
- 1500 Radio Newswise
- 15 The Stuarts (ex 1st and 8th Film of the Book)
- 45 English Songsmiths (ex 1st Glyndebourne — The Early Years)
- 1600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Health Matters (ex 8th and 29th Sportsworld)
- 30 The Ken Bruce Show
- 1200 Radio Newswise
- 15 Brain of Britain 1988

ALL TIMES GMT

Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Behren Qaul
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Islamiyat: Daar-e-Hazir
- 2000 News
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Hamare Mehmam
- 2100 Closdown

CINEMA TODAY



Robert De Niro stars in *The Deer Hunter*, which examines the mindless horrors of the Vietnam war without the customary political rhetoric found in other films.

- Al Andalus
- Action Jackson
- Al Salmiya
- Who's That Girl?
- Starring: Madonna
- Al Hamra
- Asdeka Al Shaitan
- Starring: Noor Al Sharif and Madina Hamdi
- Drive-In
- Al Abi Al Sharei
- Starring: Nadya Lutfi and Mohammed Yassin
- Al Firdous
- Chin Ka Bhai Chor (Hindi)
- Starring: Vishnu Vardhan and Vijayalalita
- Boys Own Club
- Boys Own Club will organize a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (Oct. 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.
- Granada
- The Deer Hunter
- Starring: Robert DeNiro, Christopher Walken, Meryl Streep, John Cazale and John Savage
- Salsibikhat
- Le Gendarme St. Marie
- Al Jleeb
- Akash Pari (Bengali)
- Ahmed Drive-In
- Secret Admirer
- Starring: Thomas Howell, Lori Laughlin and Cliff de Young

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

Enough is enough and too much spoils — Italian proverb.

Peace in the Gulf

A blow to French defence industry

By John Phillips

PARIS. (UPI): The prospect of peace between Iran and Iraq is a severe blow for the French defence industry, which reaps billions of dollars as Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's principal Western supplier of arms, industry sources say.

During its long war with Iran, Iraq notched up debt worth some \$3 billion for French weapons, according to official sources. France ranks second only to the Soviet Union in the export of weapons to the Baghdad government.

Iran's announcement July 13 that it was ready to accept a ceasefire with its Gulf foe was a "black Monday" for the gun merchants, "said the left wing French newspaper Liberation.

A front-page cartoon in Le Monde newspaper showed an arms dealer holding a cluster of missiles bursting into tears on the edge of a battlefield littered with corpses.

Weapons

Since the Gulf war started in 1980, France supplied Iraqi pur-chasers with a constellation of high-technology weapons, especially aircraft, missiles, helicopters and heavy artillery. These included:

- More than 100 Mirage F-1 warplanes supplied by the Dassault Corporation.

- Some 100 Alouette III, Gazelle, Super Frelon and Puma helicopter gunships.

- An order for 85 of the latest 155mm AU-F1 CGT howitzers capable of firing six rounds per minute.

- Franco-German-made Milan anti-tank missiles, 60 Roland all-weather anti-aircraft missile systems supplied by the Aviation Corporation Aerospatiale, and a huge number of shells.

For numerically-inferior Iraq, sophisticated French technology was crucial during the conflict. For example, French-made Exocets — missiles like the one that hit the USS Stark May 17, 1987 killing 37 crewmen — helped transform the war in 1984.

Chile moves towards amnesty for killers

By Tom Harvey

SANTIAGO. (UPI): Broad outlines are emerging among opposition parties and human rights groups for an amnesty for alleged military and police killings and torture if a forthcoming plebiscite ends nearly 15 years of rule by Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

Quiet meetings have been held to discuss what to do about human rights violations as part of a "national reconciliation." The opposition recognises an amnesty may be the military's price for a peaceful transition to civilian government if the ruling junta's candidate is defeated in the plebiscite, probably in October.

A "yes" vote means Chile will have a military president for eight more years — and Pinochet is the junta's most likely choice as sole candidate. A negative vote would lead to an open election in about a year which the opposition could win.

Human rights groups charge the military and national police have killed thousands of people since Pinochet assumed the presidency after a 1973 coup. Most victims were supporters of socialist Salvador Allende, who died in the coup.

Tortured

They also have documented hundreds of cases of prisoners who say they were tortured as part of the military's effort to destroy the leftist movement.

Now, however, from speeches and interviews has come the broad outline of a possible deal, involving full investigation and public airing of the killing and torture allegations but, an amnesty of some sort for those implicated.

Guttenburg Martinez, secretary-general of the Christian Democrat Party, the largest opposition party and the traditional centre of Chilean politics, said in an interview the first step "is to establish the truth."

The second is reconciliation — "not living in the past."

"There is going to be an equilibrium," he said.

Caught amid a five-year conflict in Sudan

Southern civilians bear the brunt of civil war

By Robert M. Press

KHARTOUM, Sudan: When rebels entered James' village last year in southern Sudan, "they took cattle, clothes, they took boys to be SPLA," he says, referring to the rebel Sudanese People's Liberation Army.

Later, when the Sudanese military came to his village looking for SPLA rebels, "they took some men away, and they killed some old men. They said: 'You are feeding SPLA.'

Last November, seeking food and security, the family fled to the government-held town of Yei, not far from their southern village. But food relief deliveries there have been erratic because of the fighting. Now, he says, travellers coming to Khartoum and letters from his parents say

they are suffering from hunger in Yei. James can barely feed himself on a low-paying job he managed to find here.

Caught amid a five-year civil conflict, Sudan's southern civilians "are bearing the brunt of the war," says Cole Dodge, a representative in Sudan for UNICEF.

Violation

Sudan ranks No. 5 on a list of countries with the most internally displaced — people who have fled their homes, but still live within the country — according to a report prepared by the US Committee on Refugees, a private group in Washington.

The "consequences of the war" on civilians amount to a violation of basic "human rights," claims Suleyman Baldo, a lecturer at the University of Western and Sudanese sources

Khartoum. Among the "rights" he says, many civilians have lost the rights to food, basic health and education services, and safety.

Interviews with recent arrivals from the south, and with private Sudanese and Western analysts, indicate that people who leave the south looking for safety find danger — both along the trek north and once they arrive in a new city.

Often they leave their villages because the economy and local government have broken down, education has all but stopped, and drought has left them without food, says Baldo.

The largest number of people fleeing come from the Dinka tribe, which is the most prominent in the SPLA rebel movement. Western and Sudanese sources

say that a way of life is disappearing for these proud and independent pastoralists. Close family ties, with economic and social activities tied to their cattle, are being replaced by a life as urban "refugees" in their own country, with many family members either dead or scattered.

Raids

Along the route north there is little food or water, and many people starve to death or arrive at their destination emaciated. Additionally, in some regions, local tribes are reportedly attacking those trekking north, stealing cattle, and sometimes kidnapping and enslaving people. There are reports that some travellers are selling their children to local tribes in the hope that the children will be fed and that they will

be able to return for them later.

A government policy of arming the tribal enemies of the Dinka's, a non-Arab African tribe, has given local tribes an "upper hand" in cattle raids against the Dinka in their traditional areas. This has resulted in many deaths and caused many Dinka to run south, with many family members either dead or scattered.

Raids

To survive the trek north, women stop in villages along the way to weave baskets, for which they can earn about 25 cents a day. Sometimes they work on farms in exchange for a little food and no pay, sleeping wherever they can. After walking, or paying for truck rides, if they can afford it, many individuals and families reach a rail line and catch

a train to Khartoum, the capital. If not crammed into steamy hot cars with little food or water, they ride free — and perilously — on the roof.

Kuac Kook, who rode the last four days of his long trip here atop a train with his family in May, says, "I saw some children fall off in their sleep."

Kook's trek has brought him to makeshift shelter in a settlement of hundreds of small, dome-shaped huts covered with flattened cardboard boxes and hessian. Settlements such as this one, outside Khartoum's adjacent city of Omdurman, have become home to more than 1 million of Sudan's more than 2 million displaced.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.



Death of Zia in plane crash

By Simon Tisdell

A FINGER of suspicion was being pointed at the Pakistani Army as investigators searched the wreckage of President Zia-ul-Haq's C-130 Hercules which crashed on Wednesday, killing all on board.

While the possibility of an accident was not ruled out, assassination was the more favoured theory. In Islamabad, senior government officials pointed firmly to sabotage as the cause of the crash, perhaps by an onboard bomb or ground-launched missile. "We all think that there was some mischief there," one said. "All the circumstantial evidence points in that direction."

Amid many conspiracy theories concerning un-named "foreign powers" and political fanatics, analysts pointed out that until crucial questions about the circumstances of Zia's death were answered, the hunt for possible assassins must start with the military.

Precautions

Zia never travelled without the most stringent security precautions. For these, he relied heavily on the Army. Not just for the sake of the company, the technicians who maintained and serviced his planes travelled with him on board.

Oversee such arrangements, among others, was the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) — renowned for its vigilance, not least since an attempted assassination in 1981.

On Wednesday, Zia was moving from one heavily-guarded military base — near Bahawalpur — to another, at Rawalpindi. More important still, his trip was unannounced. It involved a secret viewing of the American M-1 battle tank.

The Soviet Union itself does not escape suspicion either. Relations between the two countries had deteriorated sharply in recent months.

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Power

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Finger of suspicion pointed at Army

Below him and his most senior men stood a divided officer corps, many sympathetic to the Bhuttos and the PPP, many Western-educated and opposed to his Islamic ways, a source suggested.

Many in the Army were said to resent Zia's Afghan entanglements, despite the American largesse which was its reward.

The unexplained blowing-up of the Ojhri arms depot near Islamabad in April was seen as a humiliation. The destabilising impact of three million Afghan refugees and Zia's remote, undemonstrative but unyielding leadership was another cause of discontent.

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Blamed

Suspicion has already been thrown on the most obvious party — the Afghan Government and its secret service, Khad. The Soviet-backed Kabul regime is blamed by Pakistan for a long series of clandestine cross-border operations against mujahideen targets, including assassinations.

Khad had regularly and fiercely denounced Zia's continuing active support for the mujahideen despite this year's Geneva accords on a Soviet withdrawal.

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The India of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi had its own difficulties with Zia, on top of the two countries' historical enmity. The Indian government was quick to deny as "preposterous"

oblique suggestions that a missile may have been fired at Zia's plane from the area around the Indian border. But this week, Rajiv warned Pakistan of the dangers of fueling Sikh separatism in Punjab.

In May, the Afghan leader, Najibullah, paid a much-publicised visit to the Indian capital. The message was that the Indian government, like its Soviet ally, had an interest in a swift, non-fundamentalist settlement to the north. Rajiv did not attend the funeral.

The hunt for assassins must also look to the heavily-armed political internal opponents of Zia, to the enemies of his American alliance, perhaps to extremist supporters of the Bhutto cause. Amid so many elaborate assassination theories it may simply be that the Army which made Zia a general and then a president also finally destroyed him.

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Courtesy: The Guardian

TODAY IN HISTORY

1485 — England's King Richard III is killed at battle of Bosworth, ending War of the Roses.

1567 — Duke of Alba establishes "Council of Blood" and begins reign of terror as military governor in the Netherlands.

1572 — Earl of Northumberland is executed at York, England.

1582 — Ruthven raid in which English party in Scotland captures King James VI while he is hunting and holds him captive until June 1583.

1642 — English civil war begins with King Charles I branding parliament and its soldiers as traitors.

1717 — Spain attacks Sardinia under pretext that some Spanish subjects have been arrested in Italy.

1788 — British found settlement in Sierra Leone, Africa, as asylum for slaves.

1791 — Blacks revolt in French portion of San Domingo in West Indies.

1798 — French forces land in Ireland.

1910 — Japan formally annexes Korea.

1911 — Leonardo da Vinci painting "Mona Lisa" is stolen from Louvre Museum in Paris, France. It is recovered in Italy in 1913.

1912 — Nazi troops reach outskirts of Soviet city of Leningrad in World War II.

1972 — Rhodesia is asked to withdraw from 20th Olympic Summer Games because of its racial policies.

1986 — Angolan guerrilla leader says Soviet-aided government forces have started using chemical warfare in 10-year struggle for control of nation.

1987 — Latin American foreign ministers meet in Caracas to discuss peace in Central America.

Beg catapulted into powerful military post

ISLAMABAD, (Reuter): The suspected assassination of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq catapulted General Mirza Aslam Beg unexpectedly into Pakistan's most powerful military post.

The 57-year-old professional soldier was promoted, within hours of Zia's death in a plane crash, to Chief of Army Staff in 1987, traditionally the country's most powerful military post.

Zia held the post when he ousted civilian Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in 1977. He clung to it in addition to the presidency throughout his 11-year rule, defying the three-year statutory limit and opposition demands for his resignation.

Zia had said he would not relinquish the Army post until 1990. So Beg, appointed Vice-Chief of Army Staff in 1987, would not normally have succeeded his chief because he would have already completed his three-year tenure and would have been retired from the armed forces at age 60.

Ambitions

Beg, who was born in Alabad, India, before partition, has a reputation among his fellow officers and diplomats as a straightforward military man with no political ambitions.

He does not belong to the Punjabi clique that runs the Army, and as a strictly professional soldier, is not itching to take over the country.

"He is just a professional soldier," a former Army officer said.

Some Pakistani commentators with long memories recall that the same was widely said about Zia before he seized power.

Beg made the same trip to Bahawalpur in central Punjab last Wednesday during which Zia died. But he left in a different plane.

Newspaper reports say he turned back when he lost contact with the president's plane, saw the smoke of the crash and raised the alarm. Pakistani officials believe the plane was shot down by a missile or sabotaged by a bomb.

Beg returned to Islamabad and was promoted on Wednesday evening by acting President General Khalid Mahmud Arif, as the vice-chief of Army Staff in 1987.

General Aslam Beg

General Ishaq

July 1988

By Julia Orange

NATHAN FLOYD was having a beer in the Naafi of his regiment in Staffordshire when he felt a stabbing pain in his stomach. His appendix was taken out that night.

Twenty-four hours later, 300 miles away in Weymouth, Dorset, his identical twin Jason jolted up over a bottle of lemonade. Shortly afterwards his appendix came out.

Two weeks later the twins, aged 17, recuperating at their parents' home in Weymouth, are unsurprised by their simultaneous sickness; they have been medical blueprints of each other for as long as they remember.

At the age of three, John was taken into hospital with all the symptoms of whooping cough and released after a few hours.

A few days later Jason was admitted with the real thing. At four, Jason fell through a window and had stitches in his head; three days later John fell through the same window and had the same number of stitches in the same place.

John and John, according to their stepfather, Jeffrey Selway, have always been intensely close physically and psychologically. "They are alike in character, very loyal—one will never split on the other." Until a few years ago they always dressed alike. They also laugh a lot.

Identical

Quite why it is that some twins, usually identical rather than fraternal, exhibit extraordinary, almost supernaturally tacit oneness is a mystery medical science is still trying to solve. (Identical twins are formed when a normal fertilised ovum divides into two and each half becomes a separate individual. Fraternal twins are formed from two eggs fertilised by two sperms and frequently look no more alike than brothers and sisters.)

Identicals have the same genetic predisposition towards certain illnesses. But what is becoming increasingly clear, according to psychotherapist Joan Woodward, herself an identical twin, is that such closeness can be a source of intense pain, particularly when one twin dies.

Woodward—whose book *Understanding Ourselves* was recently published by Mac-

Double trouble

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millian—speaks with some authority. Her own identical twin died when she was three. Losing her twin led to a kind of agoraphobia, and for a while she refused to leave home.

Her isolation was eventually cured by her far-sighted mother, who took her to a psychotherapist who she remembers had lots of nice toys and asked a lot of rude questions, and whose sensible advice was that she should start school as soon as possible.

Spell

School broke the bad spell but the loss of her twin affected her so deeply that as a therapist she wanted to find out if her experiences were unusual. In 1986 she embarked on a study of bereaved twins, and while interviewing 200 of them she found in some "quite appalling levels of pain and distress."

Another woman recalled

She found identical twins felt the loss most keenly, particularly twins of the same sex. One man in his forties said that when his twin brother died at 19, he felt at first quite unable to go on living. "His death was like watching myself die."

If a twin is lost early in life, the surviving twin is often brought up in the ambivalent atmosphere of a home where parents mourn a death and celebrate a new life simultaneously. Some twins, particularly women (and one or two claimed to have been told by their parents) that the wrong twin had died.

Rejection

The worst form of parental rejection occurred when a twin felt she was to blame for the other twin's death. One was told by her mother: "You took all the food."

Another woman recalled



Partners in pain: twins Jonathan and Jason Floyd recovering from twin bouts of appendicitis

The Little Emperor problem of China

By Louise Branson

THE Chinese call them the Little Emperors—Xiao Huang Di. They are China's new generation of spoilt only-children now in their early teens and under, the result of an enforced one-family, one-child policy introduced in the mid-70s. So pampered is this emerging brat pack that sociologists are beginning to contemplate a China in the early 21st century, full of selfish and dictatorial young adults.

Beijing's one-child policy introduced in the 70s to control the population problem has produced a new generation of spoilt children. So pampered is this emerging brat pack that sociologists are beginning to contemplate a China in the early 21st century, full of selfish and dictatorial young adults.



A young member of China's brat pack.

Dilemma

Beijing's one-child policy poses a painful dilemma. Without it, China's 1.2 billion population, 65 per cent of it under the age of 30, would quickly double, something that would put an unbearable strain on the country's food resources. The social cost of this policy is something one can only speculate about, though a newly published study of only-children in Shenyang, north of Beijing, gives some idea of its dimensions. The study found that 95 per cent of only-children "had not developed soundly". Of them, about 19 per cent told lies or used abusive language, 23.5 per cent were self-willed, 29 per cent were particular about their food, 31 per cent had the habit of sucking their thumbs and 63 per cent had dental diseases from eating so many sweets. This may sound normal for Western children, but in China children have traditionally been brought up to defer to their parents and be extremely obedient.

Still, the government has opted for potential social difficulties over economic misery, trying to cope with the Little Emperor problem through frequent cautionary stories in the press. One of the most extreme, earlier, this year, involved a nine-year-old who was so outraged by his parents' refusal to give him extra sweets that he went into his bedroom and hanged himself. Another story was told by a holiday camp counsellor who found a father sleeping on the floor beside his son's bed. The father had been afraid his son would not be able to find his way in different surroundings and without his help.

Apart from the wide press debate, however, Chinese society seems at a loss to know

more difficult. A couple has to seek permission from their watchful "danwei" (unit) to have a child — without it abortions are often forced, even at a late stage.

The greatest anguish comes when a couple has a daughter. Girls have always been seen as almost valueless since they do not carry on the family name and once they are married, they are considered part of their husband's family. Abortion is available on request and in the early 1980s, in Anshan, a hospital discontinued a special experiment in determining the sex of a child after 30 babies were aborted at the parents' request: 29 sets of those parents had been told they had a girl. And sad to say, just as in past centuries, there are still many cases of couples killing girl babies. Statistics bear out this phenomenon. In general, women live longer than men and throughout the world, more girls than boys are born, but according to the 1982 census, China had 30m more males than females.

Exceptions

Despite the many exceptions to the one-child rule, Chinese officials say they still hope to keep the population at about 1.2 billion into the middle of next century, by which time India may surpass China as the world's most populous nation.

But by that time, will China be run by rude, selfish and dictatorial adults? Who knows. For now, the acuteness of the behavioural time-bomb is perhaps best illustrated by one of the very few Chinese social jokes. Two grandfathers are discussing their Little Emperor grandchildren. "My grandson threw a tantrum and won't speak to me because I didn't bring him a toy yesterday," said one.

"Oh, I'm in even worse trouble because I got upset with my grandson and, to show my anger, I spanked the chair he normally sits on. He sent me to stand in a corner for two hours," said the second grandfather. "Has he calmed down now?" asked the first grandfather. "I don't know," replied the second, "he's taken away my visiting rights for six months."

TODAY'S CROSSWORD

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
LIKE A BOY SCOUT, BE PREPARED

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♦ J 2 ♠ A 7 5
 ♡ K Q 5
 ♦ 10 6 2
 ♣ 7 6 3 2

WEST **EAST**
♦ J 2 ♠ Q 9 6 3
 ♡ A 10 6 2 ♠ 3
 ♢ A K J 8 ♡ Q 9 7 5 4 3
 ♣ Q J 10 ♣ 9 5

SOUTH
♦ K 10 8 4
 ♠ A 9 8 7 4
 ♢ Void
 ♣ A K 8 4

The bidding:
South West North East
2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

pair tournament, most declarers at four hearts ruffed the opening diamond lead and drew two rounds of trumps with the king-queen. When the 4-1 trump break was revealed, it was too late to recover. They tried to counter by playing off ace, king and another club, but when they were forced again with a diamond they had lost control of the hand and could not come to more than nine tricks.

The only declarer to make his contract was M.F. Tai, of Taiwan. He ruffed the opening lead, cashed the ace-king of clubs and, when both went through, 10 tricks were virtually assured. After cashing the ace and king of hearts, he ruffed another diamond. Next came the king-ace of spades, followed by another diamond ruff. In all, declarer scored two tricks in each black suit, three ruffs and three hearts.

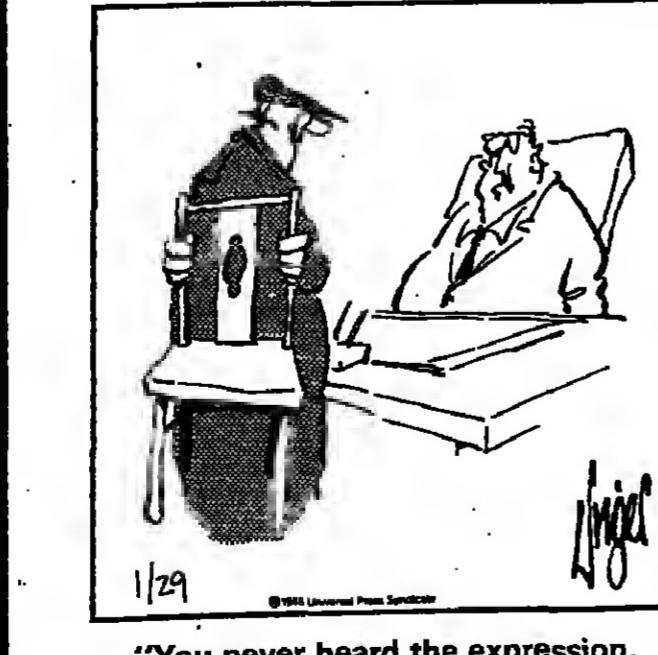
This technique is known as a dummy reversal. Usually, dummy's trumps are used to extract all of the opponents' fangs. However, as this hand illustrates, it can succeed even when a defender has longer trumps than dummy. Dummy reversals crop up fairly often, and is a technique worth mastering.

When this hand was dealt in a

We have often remarked on how well pessimists fare at the bridge table. Here is another hand to prove our point.

South's opening bid of two hearts showed a hand of 11-16 points with specifically four spades and five hearts. North decided that his key cards in partner's suits made his hand worth a jump to game.

When this hand was dealt in a



"You never heard the expression, 'take a seat' before?"

ACROSS

- 1 Mardi —
- 5 Orate
- 10 Acts.
- 14 Musical stop
- 15 Short and sweet
- 18 Medal winner
- 17 Highway, of a sort
- 19 After a while
- 20 American inventor
- 21 "His Eye" — the Sparrow"
- 22 Early evening telecast
- 23 Hemingway
- 25 "We Got Fun"
- 27 Conn. zone in August
- 28 Went riding
- 32 Ado
- 35 Imported cheese
- 37 Razor attachment
- 38 Author Deighton
- 39 Spring from
- 41 Food container
- 42 Soviet cooperative
- 44 Curtain fabric
- 45 European native
- 46 Churchmen
- 48 Mauna —
- 50 Heredity factor
- 51 Excuses
- 54 Composer
- Alban
- 56 Minute amount
- 59 Underwater detection device
- 61 Jai —
- 62 Give thought to
- 64 Ceremony
- 65 Minneapolis suburb
- 66 Writer Bagnold

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

RANT	PAPA	GARB
AMIE	OPERA	DMAR
GOLDILocks	LICKS	LIKE
ERE	DARK	SADDEN
SECOND	RESTING	GENT MIND
OPAL	MELT	GORE
ACID	SAVES	GRAY
PONE	TREE	ESTE
TENDRIL	SPREAD	
GAIN	TDES	
REBORN	AIRE	CAT
AREO	GOLDEN	RULE
MISS	SIDES	ARES
PETE	LAST	MESS

"You never heard the expression, 'take a seat' before?"

film

- 30 Prepare for the press
- 31 Fender bender
- 32 Hit and miss
- 33 Land poss.
- 34 Unite
- 35 Valley
- 39 Verve
- 40 Passage
- 43 Songs of lament
- 45 Tolled
- 47 Farm aid
- 48 River to the Seine
- 51 acid
- 52 Banal
- 53 Formal fabric
- 54 Shakespeare, e.g.
- 55 Nobelist
- 56 Wiesel
- 57 Make over
- 58 Perched
- 60 Bright shades
- 63 Rainstr

B.C.



By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart

YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will be stimulated to do your best but you should make sure you do not overdo yourself. Indeed all kinds of exaggeration are to be avoided. Do your best not to make a nuisance of yourself. Be moderate.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will have the determination that is needed to deal with the situation. You should not make up your mind on the spur of the moment. You will be able to use your charm to good effect. Be more reticent.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Not everything will be quite to your liking but you will be able to make the best of it. You should avoid spending too much time on secondary matters. If you do a friend a favour you will be well rewarded in due course. Be fair.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will be able to make good progress with a favourite project.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Make sure you show your gratitude, no harm in saying thank you once too often. You should not lose your calm whatever the provocation. Be reasonable.

Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should not allow some small matter to grow out of proportion. You should try to put a brave face on a mishap that could not be avoided. An offer or proposal should be considered seriously. Be reasonable.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You should devote a little more time and attention to your personal affairs. Make sure you do not do anything you know your partner would not agree with. Do not get between a friend and a friend of his. Be reliable.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You should not have too much faith in your intuitive powers — reason still has precedence. Treat others justly if you want them to do likewise to you. You will be able to iron out some inconsistencies. Be a little more patient.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You should not try to do things by force. You will be able to do something that has been on your mind for a while now. You should seek to think a little more positively. Be considerate.



The precious gift of sight: baby Faye Seddons looks at a bunch of daffodils after an operation to remove cataracts from both her eyes.

Cataract operation restores sight to 8-week-old baby

Making contact with the world

By Jo Mears

BRIGHT-EYED baby Faye Seddons is looking forward to a bright future, thanks to a tiny pair of contact lenses.

She was virtually blind with cataracts in both eyes that seemed certain to trap her in a world of darkness. But now they have been removed and replaced with mini lenses that are believed to be the smallest in the world, and she can see perfectly.

Her mother, Julie, from Rotherham, Yorkshire says: "I'm so relieved. If she hadn't had the operation within six months, she would have gone totally blind. But thanks to the operation and the new lenses, she can see. I can still hardly believe it..."

Faye, now four months old, had the operation to remove the cataracts shortly after birth. And at just eight weeks old, she had the tiny lenses fitted, by her local optician, June Olivieri.

Since then she has never looked back...

June says: "I've fitted similar lenses on children aged about ten months. But Faye set a record at eight weeks."

Faye can wear the specially-made contact lenses day and night. But every six weeks she must have them removed and cleaned by the optician.

But when Faye was born Julie and her car salesman husband, Neil, 23, had no idea there was anything wrong.

Julie recalls: "It came as a complete shock to us. She seemed so perfect."

"But two days after she was born, when the doctor was doing his usual check-up, he noticed some cloudiness in her eye, which turned out to be cataracts."

"We were staggered because we thought the condition only happened to old people."

As a safety check the doctor carried out tests on Julie and Neil to see if they had passed on the condition.

When the test proved negative Faye was given the delicate two-hour operation to

Even babies are born with cataracts in their eyes. At eight weeks, little Faye Seddons of Yorkshire, UK, was operated upon and fitted with tiny contact lenses believed to be the tiniest in the world. Now she can see perfectly.

remove her cataracts. Using minute implements, surgeons cut Faye's eyes and literally "sucked" out her cloudy lenses. Julie recalls: "I went with Faye to the theatre. Handing her over to the surgeons was terrible. My husband and I couldn't stand the anxiety of waiting, so we just went for a walk."

Success

"When we returned we were told the operation had been a success. Despite how small she was the surgeon had managed to do the surgery on little Faye," says Julie.

Julie says: "The next day she looked so strange with two large pads over her eyes. But they were soon taken off and her eyes healed very quickly."

A month later, Faye paid her first visit to the optician.



Julie Seddons, mother of baby Faye, looks lovingly at her daughter.

Julie says: "One fell out in the cot only the other day, but I didn't realize one was missing until much later on. And there is always the problem that they can slip round the back of her eye."

But her eyes are gradually improving. She's attracted to the light and looks toward it all the time. She particularly likes the inside light in the kitchen and spends hours gurgling away to it.

"Yet the best thing by far is the knowledge that she's going to be alright."

"I am still a bit wary about having more children at the moment because they don't know what caused the cataracts in Faye's eyes. But I do feel a lot happier now and I am sure Faye will be able to go to a normal school with all the other kids."

The Seddons won't know whether Faye will be shortsighted or long-sighted until she's older either.

Julie adds: "It won't be long before she tells us what she can see, because she's a proper little chatterbox. Until then we are just keeping our fingers crossed."

Dr Abbas Zaidi, of Rotherham District Hospital, who operated on little Faye, says: "The operation has been going for hundreds of years, but we have refined it so we can now do it on babies. Because Faye's own clouded lenses were removed she needs artificial ones, so that she can focus. She wears contact lenses because it would be impossible for a baby to keep a thick pair of glasses on. When she's older though, she may want to opt for permanent glass implants instead."

Meanwhile Julie can't help walking around her, making sure Faye can see her.

Says Julie: "Both my husband and I wear contact lenses so Faye is just keeping it in the family, she has just started young, that's all."

To us she couldn't look better."

FAMILY DOCTOR By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

CHEMICALS SHOULD BE STORED WITH PRECAUTION

QUESTION: My kid almost died from swallowing pesticides — would you please warn your readers that these are dangerous chemicals, not to be left around?

ANSWER: No chemical can be dismissed as harmless, and all should be used and stored with every possible precaution to prevent children from coming in contact with them.

When children are exposed to pesticides, the symptoms may be more subtle and confusing than they are in adults, so it is important to be aware of the hazards and be prepared to handle the problem.

One problem is that the signs that suggest pesticides poisoning in adults — salivation, diarrhoea, lacrimation (tears), urination and defecation (bowel movement) — can be mistaken for normal behaviour in an infant or toddler.

The most common signs of poisoning in children include excessive salivation, muscle weakness and sluggishness. Many children also will have a rapid heartbeat, and some will have spasmodic seizures.

Pesticide poisoning can look like other,

more common pediatric illnesses, such as coma, head trauma, bronchitis, pneumonia, or even diabetes or shigellosis.

One of the most clear-cut symptoms of pesticide poisoning is miosis — contracted, tiny pupils of the eye, described as "pinpoint pupils."

Although the most common way a child becomes poisoned is by eating or drinking pesticides, it also can occur from exposure to an area that has been sprayed or fogged with the chemicals. Playing on a lawn or carpet that has recently been treated can result in poisoning.

Ingesting a poison will usually produce symptoms immediately, but some poisons, and poisoning that occurs through skin exposure, may come on more slowly.

Laboratory tests can be helpful in diagnosing pesticide poisoning, but treatment should begin as soon as poisoning is suspected. Treatment is aimed at reversing the toxic effects of the chemicals. The antidote will depend on the specific pesticide involved. Your local emergency room and advice from your local Poison Control Center.

tre are your best front-line defenses.

While treating acute poisoning is crucial, it is important to correct — and better still, prevent — the situation that led to the episode. Most children are poisoned in their homes by chemicals that had been stored carelessly or placed in unmarked and uncovered containers. This is a good time of year to perform a home safety check and correct those dangerous situations.

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW: If you have ever flown from one time zone to another, you might have found that you were not quite your usual peppy self upon arrival. Impaired concentration, slow reflexes, irritability, depression and upset digestion combine with daytime sleepiness and insomnia at night to make things pretty miserable for the traveler. All are, or may be, symptoms of jet lag.

In a major study of long-distance travelers sponsored by the Upjohn Company, in co-operation with United Airlines and British Airways, 94 per cent of those surveyed suffered jet-lag symptoms.

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By Alain Elsner

STOCKHOLM: Once upon a time, AIDS conferences used to be attended by doctors and scientists.

At last week's International AIDS Conference in Stockholm, the 7,000 delegates also included mathematicians, statisticians, economists, sociologists, anthropologists, sexologists, criminologists, psychologists, jurists and historians.

Also, gay and women's rights activists, prostitutes, health ministers and scores of journalists — everyone it seems except AIDS sufferers themselves.

"AIDS has demonstrated eloquently that we must be capable of intellectual travel across the lines which separate many disciplines," said Halfdan Mahler, director-general of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

"We need to grasp each other's insights regarding the biological, behavioural, social, economic and political pieces of the AIDS problematic," he said.

This was another way of saying that with no signs of scientific breakthrough that could lead to an effective vaccine or cure for AIDS, more and more people in more and more different fields are going to be affected by the AIDS problem.

The conference was jointly organised by the WHO and Swedish medical and social services organisations.

According to WHO figures, some 94,000 cases of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) have been reported worldwide.

But the real figure could be double that, while between five and 10 million people are believed to have been infected with HIV, the virus which causes AIDS.

Millions of those will become ill within the next decade and hundreds of thousands will die.

Some delegates to the conference attacked the record of the early years of AIDS research as being too obsessed with the vision of a quick fix — a miracle cure or mass vaccine that could stop the epidemic in its tracks.

But the real figure could be

AIDS: much effort, very little progress



An AIDS victim: no signs of a scientific breakthrough in the search for a cure.

virus to cross the brain-blood barrier and transmit itself to new hosts," he said.

This discovery of a so-called "silent period" in HIV infection, when the virus does not replicate and is not detectable by conventional means, was one of the main scientific innovations of the conference.

"What happens is that the virus turns itself off and the body's immune system shuts down. Then, later, the virus springs back to life," said William Haseline, a researcher with the Harvard Medical School.

Many scientists, like Baltimore, used the language and imagery of war in their presentations. Many seemed full of intellectual wonder at the sophistication, complexity and elusiveness of the virus they were studying.

HTV, said Reinhard Kurth of the Paul Ehrlich Institute in Frankfurt, West Germany, entered the body like a Trojan horse, killing the immune system to sleep, destroying the body's ability to protect itself against infections.

"Infected cells may act as Trojan horses, allowing the

Africa, where it was causing a growing number of deaths, and was quickly spreading to the United States and Europe.

It, as many speakers said, mankind is engaged in a war against AIDS. Then the conclusion from the conference was that although science had scored some significant successes, AIDS was still winning.

The disease was spread to 136 countries. Now, it is threatening to sweep through drug growing regions of Asia and Latin America and take hold among an army of cocaine users in the United States.

It is spreading virtually unchecked in parts of Africa where it seems certain to cause a net population loss in several countries. It is growing fast among heterosexuals in the United States and Europe.

"I'm more scared to death than I've ever been. This thing is much more out of control than anyone is willing to admit," said Robert Goulds, head of an AIDS volunteer organisation in Miami.

Many believe prevention through education programmes holds the best hope. But some campaigns had proved misguided.

King Holmes, a researcher based in Seattle in the United States, said: "Money is being diverted from syphilis control to AIDS control and that is a blueprint for disaster."

"Control of genital ulcer disease should clearly receive the highest priority in all countries," Holmes said.

George Klein of Sweden's Karolinska Institute warned against putting too much faith in education campaigns.

"The power of education is limited at best and we only have to look at the record of 20 years of anti-smoking campaigns to see that. It is naive to expect education to have a major impact," he said.

"Molecular biology still offers the best hope of bringing HIV under control," he said.

Beware sunglass wearers: The wrong pair can hurt both wallet and eyes

By Peg Byron

NEW YORK, (UPI): Those cute sunglasses with plastic penguin frames you bought as a souvenir for a child — like many fancy designer shades that don't protect against the damaging rays of the sun — could be worthless or even dangerous.

The wrong sunglasses may do more harm than good, and a surprising number, even some pairs costing hundreds of dollars, don't measure up to sun protection standards that many scientists say are needed.

Eyes need protection in bright sun from ultraviolet and blue rays of light, say many experts who believe such rays can damage the cornea and even the irreplaceable retina.

"I never go outside without eye protection," said eye specialist Dr Jeffrey Tavers of New York Hospital in a recent magazine article that printed one of the first consumer guides on sunglass protection.

"This may sound dramatic, but it's like radioactivity — there is no safe dose and it has a cumulative effect," he said.

Not all eye specialists are so concerned, but most recommend getting some eye protection if you are frequently in bright light.

Cataract

Invisible ultraviolet rays may eventually cause the lens or its surrounding transparent membrane to cloud and obstruct the passage of light, a condition known as a cataract.

Blue light, which is near the ultraviolet end of the light spectrum, is also suspected of being harmful, especially for older people who have had part of the eye's natural filter removed with cataract operations.

"It's easy to protect against these rays if your sunglasses have the right kind of lens,"

said Dr Felix Barker, an associate professor at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in Philadelphia.

But it is not so easy for the consumer to determine what sunglasses are best.

And the wrong kind of sunglasses, although they reduce glare and filter some light, may act like a welcome mat for damaging rays, which can pour in as the pupil dilates behind dark lenses, Barker warned.

"The amount of light exposure increases as a function of the diameter of the pupil, so as the pupil dilates, you get progressively more and more light into the eye. So, if you are dilating the eye in bright sunlight, you could theoretically let more light in," he said.

Bright sunlight, intensified by white surroundings, like a beach or snowy mountainside, is most dangerous because it

includes the most ultraviolet and blue rays.

As a rule of thumb, the shorter the wave length, the more damage to the cornea in front of the pupil," he explained.

"The big thing we have known about for a long time is damage to the surface of the eye from ultraviolet-B."

The shortest light wavelength, UV-B, can cause sloughing off of cells of the cornea, an acutely painful though repairable condition often suffered by skiers and welders, he said.

Over longer periods of intense light exposure, the thin mucous layer over the white of the eye, called the conjunctiva, can be damaged, resulting in tumours or thickening of the tissue later in life.

"It's really more a problem cosmetically, permanent reddening of the eyes, which you may not care for," Baxter said, comparing the effect to the

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By Smith

Chinese antiques pour into Hong Kong

By Michael di Cicco

HONG KONG (UPI) — Exotic sia and bargains ripe for the taking draw visitors to Hong Kong from all over the world.

"It's a darker side to this and of glittering shop windows."

A world of grave robbers and muggers, plying their seamy trade out of China, plays as big a role in the colony's tourist industry as its five-star hotels and skilled restaurants.

Hong Kong has become a center for marketing smuggled antiques, most of which come from the adjoining Guangdong province in southern China.

They end up on Hong Kong's Hollywood Road, a place filled with upmarket antique stores, seedy curio shops and rickety stalls, where thousands of tourists flock every year to hunt for bargains, hoping to take a piece of ancient China home with them.

Antique dealers on Hollywood Road readily admit the bulk of their wares are smuggled in from China, mostly by fishing boats sailing into Hong Kong at night.

Penalties

Despite stiff penalties adopted by Chinese authorities last year against removing valuable artifacts, including the death sentence in one case, the smuggling trade is booming.

Local antique dealers boast an array of smuggled treasures ranging from \$5 jade trinkets to beautifully decorated porcelain and sculpture dating back hundreds of years before the Ming dynasty and selling for thousands of dollars.

"It's very simple," said one shopkeeper, who was eager to show off a large Han dynasty vase that he hopes to sell for around \$1,000. "When I need more antiques I talk to a man who knows someone in China and maybe a week later I get them."

China considers antiques to be a valuable part of its natural heritage, and officials there condemn the smuggling, saying it deals a severe blow to the protection and preservation of China's cultural legacy.

Yet, according to one Chinese newspaper, the practice has become so common that thieves are now robbing graves during the daytime and riding around in taxis looking for the most lucrative spots to plunder.

"It's impossible to estimate how much of the stuff gets across the border," said Suzanne Tofy, managing director of Sotheby's Hong Kong.

"Most of it is sold to tourists," she said. "We don't have anything to do with it. We don't take anything directly from China at all."

Government officials here estimate up to 600 trading vessels and 500 fishing boats come into Hong Kong from China each day.

"We stop boats at random, but we have only three vessels and we can't search all them all," said Patrick Williamson, Hong Kong's commissioner of customs and excise. "And if we do stop a boat that has a few pieces of porcelain or something onboard, how can we tell if it's antique or not?"

Help

Customs and excise does get occasional help in thwarting the smuggling epidemic from Hong Kong's marine police. The force, which patrols the colony's shoreline, does randomly search boats and will raid any craft found with a load of antiques over to customs.

However, marine police officials declined to comment on how active a role they take in looking for smugglers, saying it as an operational matter.

The combined effort of the two forces hasn't met with much success. They have stopped only seven smugglers in the last 15 months, according to official statistics.

"From what we see there really doesn't seem to be all that smuggling going on," Williamson said. Though the ill-stocked shelves on Hollywood Road appear to contradict that view.

When the marine police or customs and excise do stumble a boat filled with smuggled antiques, the smugglers will usually go to jail but, Williamson said, only for about two to four months on a charge of exporting unmanifested cargo.

Art gallery — under Manhattan's mean streets

By Steve James

NEW YORK (Reuter) — New York's most visited art gallery is not on the mean streets of Manhattan, but under them.

To enter this subterranean world of wit, whimsy and wonder, it costs just one dollar — the price of a fare for the underground railway.

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A New Yorker and her cat pause by the mural in a subway station in Brooklyn. Art works commissioned by the Metropolitan Transit Authority are bringing light to a system used by an estimated 3.7 million commuters a day.

incorporation of works of art in underground stops, there is a project under which local community groups sponsor temporary displays such as paintings by local schoolchildren.

Enhances

Feuer's office also runs 'Music Under New York,' which sponsors musicians playing at selected stations and which staged a ballet at the reopening of the newly renovated

grand central station.

Feuer said the presence of art not only enhances the atmosphere at sometimes dingy stations, but it also acts as a deterrent to graffiti and other vandalism.

"On permanent art work there is no graffiti," Feuer said in an interview.

"People say 'it makes us feel somebody cares,'" she said of the MTA's 'creative station' programme that began in late

1985.

It came at a time when the city was trying hard to improve conditions on the underground rail system which has the most stations, 463 for 231 miles (370 km) of track, in the world. London's has more miles of track and Moscow's carries more passengers.

In the 1970s and early 1980s, many New Yorkers appeared loath to use a system in which 95 per cent of train cars were

daubed with graffiti. The often filthy stations were sites of muggings, rapes and other crimes.

But since David Gunn became head of the MTA in 1984 and instituted an anti-graffiti campaign, some 86 per cent of the nearly 6,000 cars are now free of the brightly-colored, spray-painted squiggles some call vandalism and others art.

In three years, the number of passenger journeys has risen by 250,000 a day.

Along with the clean-up campaign, the MTA decided that by officially sanctioning artwork in the underground, it could channel the artist urges away from the trains and walls.

The programme operates on an annual budget of \$100,000, including salaries and costs of commissioning work. A panel of professional artists views proposed works.

Idea

Feuer said that the idea of an aesthetically-pleasing underground is not new, noting that August Belmont, who built the first New York line in 1904 — the IRT or inter-borough rapid transit — allocated \$50,000 dollars toward 'refinement.'

Ironically, the least noticed of New York's station art is a piece of 'sound art' which for more than 10 years has been emitting a series of electronic sounds through the gratings in the traffic island on Broadway just north of Times Square.

Artist Max Neuhaus' untitled work is probably ignored by most of the millions of people who walk over it, thinking it is noise from an electric generator. Actually, the sounds vary in pattern over a 24-hour period.

"This piece is deliberately anonymous," said Neuhaus. "Each person has to find it for him or herself. They will find it when they are ready to find it."



These drawings of Thomas More and Mary Zouche were made by Holbein the Younger at the court of Henry VIII of England.



Holbein: a shrewd analyst

By Hugo Fritz

HAMBURG (DaD) — Artistic treasure trove of a special kind was recently on show at the Kunsthalle in Hamburg, Federal Republic of Germany, and can now be admired at the Kunstmuseum in Basle, Switzerland.

It is a selection of drawings made by Hans Holbein the Younger at the court of Henry VIII in Tudor England. The 50 drawings, including many studies for portraits in oil, are on loan from the library of Queen Elizabeth II at Windsor Castle.

It is the first time they have ever been shown on the continent. They portray personalities from the first half of the 16th century as though they were still alive to tell the tale.

Holbein makes them seem strikingly close. He is not just a stickler for details of the human face but also a shrewd analyst who reveals the character behind the features. He is a Renaissance artist who bears the hallmark of humanism.

The Renaissance ideals his art embodies stand out in strange contrast from the intrigue, unpredictability and violence of Realpolitik as pursued by Henry VIII. A number of people whose portraits Holbein painted ended

on the scaffold. Sir Thomas More, for instance, was beheaded in 1533 for refusing to acknowledge Henry VIII as head of the Church of England.

In keeping with the uncertainty of the age in which they lived, everyone portrayed by Holbein in the drawings on show in Hamburg has a look of deep earnest. None has even the trace of a smile. This intensifies their presence, that of personalities it is hard to resist.

Acclaim

Hans Holbein the Younger, who was born in 1497 in Augsburg, is one of the few German painters to have achieved international acclaim. As a journeyman he went to Basle, where he specialised in interior decoration, but the iconoclastic tenor of the Reformation made him move.

He arrived at the court of Henry VIII with a letter of recommendation from Erasmus of Rotterdam. From the age of 28 he spent most of his life in England, where he died aged 45 in 1543. His works are to be found in many leading collections. A comprehensive exhibition has yet to be held. That made the rediscovery of Holbein in Hamburg all the more important.

Lobbying for artistic recognition

By Ellen Steese



The frescoed entrance hall of the Copley Plaza hotel in Boston.

here for the mosaic floors alone. This lobby is a history lesson: There are frescoes of Paul Revere's Ride and the Boston Tea Party, for instance, and famous governors and heroes in bronze.

This is a friendly home for civic causes. Two short-haired women in slacks and cardigan sweater vests are creating an enclosure for a meeting by briskly tying blue balloons to the stair railings; the balloons say "Office Workers' Pride." A bearded man at a nearby table signs up people for a Walk for Hunger. "Bring your friends," he says kindly.

There is not a great attention to aesthetics: Japanese stone lanterns, pianos, things like that, get shoved into corners, unless they are wanted for some event. You feel like taping your own sign on the wall; there is a feeling that here your needs are legitimate.

Very different is the lobby of the Doric Dames, home of the Massachusetts legislature, which is full of appreciated and beautiful things. All Roman grandeur and martial themes. Nineteen kinds of marble are used in the arches and stairways; it's almost worth coming

hand, put a burden on the visitor; they reproach jeans and untidiness. A really first-rate hotel appeals to fantasy: We rich and important and lead golden lives.

The prime function of a hotel lobby is to separate the exhausted traveller from the world outside. Hotel lobbies allow you to adjust your thoughts from the hurly-burly; that is why they so often have velvety carpets and restful flowing lines.

Visitable

One of the most visitable hotel lobbies is in the Copley Plaza.

The Copley Plaza is a hotel for Anglophones. A doorman opens the door for you and you drift elegantly up a long, narrow hall lined with Chinese caskets on tall tables, discreet cases of items for sale on the walls, under a ceiling that is a series of little blue domes. When you reach the lobby, all you see are brilliant, luxurious surfaces: crystal chandeliers, ornate gilded ceilings, electric blue custom-made carpet, marble pillars. You can sit in the Tea Court and eat scones and dream of Empire, surrounded

by palms and a marble balustrade.

"One of the things about the Copley Plaza lobby: Because it's more height than the Ritz, it's able to work better as the focussing of the energy of that hotel," says Lee.

"It can accept, usually with grace, the crowds that come out of the ballroom," he adds. "It's better when they're in white tie, of course. That's a wonderful lobby to go to a waltz evening in. And that animates the lobby, in turn."

A lobby should be an entrance, and the lobby of the old Boston Public Library isn't really that anymore: to get there most people enter the new building on Boylston Street and take a left through little corridors and past a secret courtyard.

Entering the old way, you are greeted by the statue of Henry Vane — in cocked hat, lovelocks, plume, and boots — and, on the heavy doors, various bronze ladies in drapery.

It's a backwater now; a guard sits idly at a desk, a few people wander absently through. But still the ceiling has its domes and mosaics — twin-vining vines and the names of great 19th-century authors. A broad staircase with windows at the top draws you; you float upward, drawn to the light, between two long-nosed lions, library lions, proud but not unfriendly.

This lobby was plainly designed when scholarship meant the study of classical thought as reflected in classical architecture. The marble is the immensely learned-looking colour of old books. There is everything you could want in the way of a pillar and a pilaster, as well as classical frescoes of robed figures frolicking by a classical base.

Eleven museum staff from all over English-speaking Africa are this month completing a year-long course in which they have learned how to conserve, exhibit, catalogue, store and defend against theft, as well as train their colleagues.

The course, run by the international organization Icom (International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property) is the second of its kind after a Francophone scheme in 1986-87.

Gael de Guichen, the irrepressibly enthusiastic French supervisor of the course, said: "Unfortunately museums themselves have often contributed to the deterioration of their collections, and not only in Africa."

Small sounds here make huge echoes, the aural equivalent of a tiny figure in a searchlight casting a giant shadow. There is a continual vast hum, like a thousand people thinking.

People are the only things in the lobby that change. They shuffle through quickly, on low echoing sneakered feet, and are gone.

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pile of dust in the storage room.

Philip Ravenhill, chief curator of the National Museum of African Art in Washington and one of the course lecturers, said of an occasion when he grasped the handle of a wooden implement in a museum and it turned to dust in his hand, eaten away from inside by insects.

De Guichen described another West African museum where staff were proud of an electrically-revolving showcase which turned traditional costumes constantly around.

He called this device, designed by a European technician, the 'roast chicken'. The once brilliant colours of the costumes had faded to dull greys and browns because of exposure to sunlight and the revolving mechanism meant that none of the original colour remained, even at the back.

Theft from inadequately protected museums is another severe threat. A collection in the Ivory Coast national museum now contains only 119 of the 226 objects catalogued when it toured Europe and Latin America in the late 1960s.

Seven superb bronze and terracotta objects dating from between the ninth and 15th centuries disappeared from the National Museum in Jos, Nigeria last year shortly after returning from exhibitions in Europe and North America.

Custom

Ravenhill said a unique collection of 40,000 glass photograph negatives taken in French colonial times and showing West African custom and initiation ceremonies were found lying in shoe boxes on the floor in Dakar's Ifan Museum.

Ways to protect African collections, taught at the Rome course, are often astonishingly simple.

Claude Ardojin, director of the West African museums project in Dakar, said that insects which eat traditional

leather and wool objects could be killed by placing the materials in the sun once a month.

Another simple protection was to exhibit organic objects far enough apart to prevent insects moving from one to another.

In some museums, valuable African masks are merely hanging by a piece of string, easy to remove and steal, or have nails driven into the back as hooks.

Ravenhill said lack of cataloguing meant thieves had no difficulty exporting valuable objects because there could be no proof that they were once exhibits in a museum.

In Mali there has been wholesale pillage of archaeological sites. Ravenhill estimated at least two thousand important terracotta objects from the 12th to 14th centuries had been crudely dug up and smuggled out of the country, mainly into private collections.

In comparison Mali's own national museum has about 20 such pieces.

"These objects become an export crop for part of the population to the detriment of the community," he said.

Ends

The Rome course includes visits to Venice, Florence, Naples and other Italian cities and ends with study trips to London and Paris. Candidates have to have worked for at least five years in their own museums to show their commitment.

The 11-month course costs \$300,000, contributed by France, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Britain, Italy, UNESCO, the European community and private bodies including the Ford Foundation and Getty Trust.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Caution prevails

Ceasefire raises contractors' hopes

ZURICH, Switzerland, Aug 21. (Reuter): A Gulf ceasefire brings prospects of a reconstruction boom in Iraq and Iran but the optimism is tempered by caution among Western firms with stakes in the area.

Some of those which abandoned projects when war broke out now hope to recoup their investment, a poll by Reuter correspondents found. They cite safer conditions and the fact that billions of oil dollars need no longer be spent on arms.

But the scale of war damage raises doubt on how much money Iran and Iraq will be free to use to settle debts — something contractors say will be important in allying concerns.

Projects

Major projects stalled by the war include a nuclear power plant in Iran being built by West Germany's Siemens AG and the Bandar Khomeini Petrochemical Plant, a joint venture by Iran and Mitsubishi Co. of Japan.

A spokesman for Siemens's

Kraftwerke Union (KUW) power plant division said it was too early to say whether construction of two blocks of the nuclear reactor at Bushehr would now go ahead.

"In principle we would be ready to negotiate," he said.

The project, begun in 1975, was broken off in 1979 after the revolution in Iran because KUW was not fully paid.

On the other hand, Framatome, leader of a French consortium building a nuclear power plant at Khortamshahr in Iran, said it had no hope that the site will be reactivated.

Damaged

A spokesman said the work stopped in 1979 and the site was badly damaged in the war. The contract is in arbitration but Framatome thinks Iran has no further interest in it.

Other firms said they may not rush back to unfinished work.

"We are still interested but on the condition that we can work in reasonable surroundings," said a spokesman for Losinger AG, a

Swiss construction company that broke off work on two projects in Iran after the Shah fell.

Japanese industry sources said Mitsui wants to withdraw from the \$3.5 billion Iran-Japan Petrochemical Co. project in Bandar Khomeini. Japanese engineers abandoned the near-complete project in 1984 after some were injured in Iraqi air raids.

Italian firms point to a dispute between state Industrial Group Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale (IRI) and Iran over debts for building docks at Bandar Abbas. IRI claims debts worth some \$960 million. Iran acknowledges around one third of this.

Compromise

Trade Minister Renato Ruggero went to Iran this month and set up a committee to search for a compromise within 60 days. A settlement could clear the way for closer commercial ties.

Two Finnish construction firms, Haka Construction Co-

operative and Yit-Yhtyma, hope a ceasefire will speed partial payment still due for work on an entertainment centre worth \$125 million which they built on an island in the Tigris north of Baghdad between 1980 and 1983.

Spanish trade sources said Dragados y Construcciones had two projects suspended by war — one at Bandar Abbas port and the other to build an antibiotic factory in Iraq.

At the Confederation of Danish Industries, marketing chief Christian Wittenkamp said Denmark stood to gain new orders worth up to \$550 million in the year from Iran alone.

The main problem remains financing projects in Iran and Iraq and outstanding debts in Iraq, Wittenkamp said.

Iraqi debt service problems were also cited by Business International SA, a Geneva-based business consultant, as a potential stumbling block to regional recovery.

"Political instability in Iran

and problems with debt servicing in Iraq will check reconstruction plans in the event of a ceasefire in the Gulf war," it said in a study. Continuing weak oil prices would hurt Iraq, with the bigger foreign debt.

But for firms that can find the financing, Iran and Iraq hold promise of rich pickings.

Japan's Institute of Middle East Economics estimates foreign engineers and construction firms can expect orders worth about \$50 billion from Iran and more than 100 billion from Iraq when rebuilding starts.

Plant

Post-war orders aimed at repairing crippled industrial plant are estimated at just under \$40 billion for Iran and around 16 billion for Iraq.

"There will be more opportunities for new contracts worth millions of dollars in the reconstruction of infrastructure, repair of damaged off-shore installations and oil production platforms in the Gulf," said Lai Park On, managing director of

Singapore's Sembawang Maritime Ltd.

Italian industry is interested in developing the Iranian market in food, chemicals and pharmaceuticals. West Germany seeks contracts in construction and oil.

Boost

Most British contractors have been active in the region, specifically Balfour Beatty, Taylor Woodrow, Laing and Wimpey, but London-based industry analyst Ian Booth doubted they would expect a significant boost to contracting in the short-term.

"Most of the work is likely to go to Japanese, Far Eastern and local contractors," Booth said. "I doubt there will be a big boost to the flagship contractors in the UK unless things change politically in the region."

In Asia, Thailand and China see peace as a chance to export commodities and labour to the Gulf. They see big textile and garment markets and buyers for Thai maize and rice.

World Business Summary

Third World debt to figure in IMF talks

WEST BERLIN, Aug 21: New approaches to solving the debt crisis of the Third World will be among the subjects to be discussed at the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank here from September 27 to 29, reports Economic Times. More support for African countries in their fight against poverty and greater efforts by major nations in eliminating their dangerous imbalances will be the other important topics for consideration of participants from 151 countries. According to the United Nations' World Economic Survey 1988, the world economy is continuing to expand, but persistent imbalances among the industrial countries and external indebtedness of developing countries are undermining efforts to stabilise it. The survey has stressed the need for debt relief for the developing countries. The UN report has pointed out that the net transfer of resources of capital importing developing countries has shown an outflow of at least \$20 billion annually since 1985 in contrast to the \$40 billion inflows to these countries in the beginning of 1980. The report suggested that political leadership from creditor governments is needed to deal with the 'debt overhang.' The governments could set broad guidelines for debt reduction packages, within which commercial banks could negotiate with individual countries on a case-by-case basis. Official rescheduling could also include a greater degree of conditionality. The report has suggested that new proposals, including establishing a debt reconstruction facility to buy discounted commercial bank debt and pass on part of that discount to debtor countries seem necessary to deal with the debt overhang.

Royal Insurance pre-tax profit declines

LONDON, Aug 21: Royal Insurance Holdings PLC said first-half pre-tax profit dropped 2.6 per cent as earnings from its big US operations continued to lag year-earlier results, reports Wall Street Journal. The big UK composite insurer said pretax profit in the six months ended June 30 was £154 million (£261 million), down from £158.1 million (£268 million) a year earlier. The company nevertheless increased its interim dividend to 9.5 pence a share from 8.25 pence. Royal's profit after taxes and minority interests fell to £94.1 million from £105.5 million, and per-share earnings dropped to 19.8 pence from 22.3 pence. The company's Royal USA unit saw pretax profit fall more than half in the six months, to £22.6 million from £28.1 million. In late trading Thursday on London's Stock Exchange, Royal's shares were unchanged at 397 pence each. But group Chief Executive Alan Horsford said there was a "particularly good result in the United Kingdom," where he expects strong premium income growth to continue through the year. UK pretax profit increased to £60.2 million in the period from £16.2 million. Total premium income increased to £1.63 billion from £1.61 billion. The reduced US profit "conceals a mixture of continuing good and profitable growth in some of our best regions and sharp cutbacks in others as a result of firm underwriting action," Horsford said. For example, Royal had a profit and posted premium growth of 13 per cent in the northeastern US, while it ran up large losses and saw premiums drop 9.1 per cent in California, he said. But Royal's voluntary insurance business in the US continued to deteriorate, the chief executive said. Total US premiums were down 11 per cent at £602.2 million from £679.3 million.

SABIC profits surge

RIYADH, Aug 21, (KUNA): The Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) has increased its net profits by 400 per cent in 1987 despite the drop in the price of oil and natural gas and regardless of the various restrictions imposed on its exports by some European countries. The Jeddah-based Okaz newspaper today quoted Ghazi Al Jallani, director of industry and commerce at the Planning Ministry as saying SABIC's petrochemical products now reach more than 65 countries. He said all productive sectors have achieved high growth rates during 1987-88, especially in the fields of agriculture and services. Jallani foresees a bright future for Saudi petrochemicals industry, which he said enjoys many privileges including abundant raw material, cheap fuel and adequate capital. "These will continue with the production of oil and natural gas for the next century," he said. He expected the local market to expand in the future thus increasing the requirement for more petrochemicals and said a number of industries based on petrochemicals will be established in the long run.

Trade policy criticised

WASHINGTON, Aug 21, (Reuter): Democratic vice-presidential candidate Lloyd Bentsen accused the Reagan administration yesterday of ignoring America's trade problems and backing a trade reform bill only when it became politically necessary. Urging President Reagan to sign a massive trade bill passed by Congress earlier this month, Bentsen, said he and the Democratic presidential nominee, Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, considered trade "an urgent national priority." Governor Dukakis and I urge him to sign that legislation, because it is important to the working men and women of America," Bentsen said in his Democratic response to Reagan's weekly radio address. "It is important to American industry and to our future ability to compete for world markets," the Texas senator said. After initially vetoing the bill, Reagan said more than two weeks ago he would sign the bill, a major overhaul of US trade laws designed to break foreign barriers to American goods. The White House has scheduled a signing ceremony on Tuesday in the port of Long Beach, California, near Los Angeles. Reagan is on holiday at his ranch until September 6. After Reagan's veto, Congress removed the plant closing notification provision from the package and passed it as a separate bill, which the President did not sign, but allowed to become law by not vetoing it. In his radio address, Bentsen also blamed Vice-President George Bush, the Republican presidential nominee, for what he termed the administration's reluctance in reform trade laws.

UK bank lending on the rise

LONDON, Aug 21: Britain's bank and building-society lending soared again last month, but economists said the increases probably won't prompt a further rise soon in banks' base rates. The Bank of England said bank and building-society loans jumped a record £9 billion (£15.2 billion) last month, up from an increase of £8.8 billion (£14.9 billion) in June and £5.32 billion in July 1987. Building societies are UK mortgage-lending associations, supply known as M-4 rose about 2.1 per cent in July, after a 1.9 per cent gain in June. The narrow measure of money supply, of 1.1 per cent in June. The narrow money supply's annual growth stands at 7 per cent, above the government's target ceiling of 5 per cent for fiscal 1989 ending next March 31. The lending and forecasts, London markets shrugged off the data. As expected, rushed to take advantage of mortgage-interest tax incentives that recently over signs of sharp inflationary pressures in the British directed seven increases in banks' base rate since early June. Base rates currently stand at 11 per cent.

Wall Street likely to bounce up soon

Drugs are now a part of the debt crisis equation

WASHINGTON, Aug 21, (Reuter): A new cause for alarm about the debt crisis is that it risks making Latin America more dependent than ever on selling drugs mostly to the United States.

"The most efficient entrepreneurial system operating in Latin America today is the drug trafficking cartel," said Irving Tragen of the Organisation of American States.

The cartels which floods North America with cocaine did not develop because of debt. But it feeds on the misery of debt-laden economies in which some of the poorest have had to turn to drug production to survive, experts on Latin America say.

Tragen, executive secretary of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission, says most coca leaf production is in Peru, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and to some extent, Argentina.

In Brazil, the biggest Third World debtor owing more than \$100 billion, people are also growing coca now.

Tragen and others estimate that a farmer growing coca can earn \$9,000 a hectare. The next most lucrative crop is citrus yielding only \$500.

Advantages

Working for the drug cartel brings other advantages, too.

The cartel provides cash to get a farmer started at a time when banks are less generous — "given the debt overhang, almost all of the private banks or the government agricultural banks have no money to lend," said Tragen.

A decline in commodity prices has added to the problem.

Growing coca leaves — first step in making cocaine — is confined to countries in the Amazon basin and Andes but other states are part of the transportation system or consumers.

Meanwhile drug abuse is a hot issue in the US presidential election, raising the possibility that it might prove the spur to a new initiative on debt by the next administration.

Many experts say that without a huge effort to get Latin economies growing again, the drug traffic will continue to advance.

Bank boosts reserves

BEIJING, Aug 21, (AP): China's central bank has increased the reserves banks will be required to hold in a move to curb excessive lending that has overheated the economy.

The official China Daily said today that as of Sept 1 the People's Bank of China will raise the reserve ratio for banks from 12 to 13 per cent.

The 1 per cent reserve increase will be kept by local branches of the People's Bank for the adjustment of money supply on the market, it said.

Loans

The daily said that as a result of the increased reserve ratio, credit loans will be reduced by more than 30 billion yuan (\$8.1 billion). It did not give a time period for that reduction.

The banks will also be asked to hand in the exact amount of their reserves at one time in September without going into arrears. The reserve ratio was set at 10 per cent in 1983 and increased to 12 per cent last year.

—its best since the "Black Monday" crash last autumn — and this decline accelerated.

Tighter credit signalled that the Fed had given top priority to pinch a consumer boom that threatened to fuel inflation. But some investors worried that it might pinch hard enough to cause a recession.

Rise

Those fears have eased now, said Allen Sinai of Boston Co/Searle Lehman Hutton Inc.

"The stock market has pretty much adjusted to the latest round of interest rate hikes," he said.

But he still sees the market, from which many others around the globe often take their cue, as likely to "trade and churn" at between 1,900 and 2,100 on the

Dow average.

It lost 21.52 points last week to end Friday, on 2,016 after starting the year at 1,938.

But another analyst, John Connolly at Dean Witter Reynolds, sees the Dow breaking up soon, led by a rise in bond prices when it becomes clear that the Fed discount rate jolt will cool the economy enough to reduce inflation.

And Oppenheimer's Metz says: "All interest rates have to do is stabilise here, and the stock market can rally."

The gloomy view on Wall Street is that interest rates will be taken higher as the Fed battles inflation.

But Connolly said that Fed chairman Alan Greenspan was running an "activist" central

bank which was likely to move fast to avoid recession if it judged that one was coming.

In Greenspan's first year in office the Fed had proved flexible and quick to act.

It tightened to prop up the dollar last year, then eased credit dramatically after the "Black Monday" crash to help finance houses with immediate borrowing problems and fire up an economy in which loss of confidence might cause a slump.

Tightened

Then it tightened late last year. And then eased up early this year to avoid recession. Now it had tightened again.

"It looks as if the economy is going to stall here and there is no more need to put on the brakes," said Connolly.

Strong

Too strong a dollar might put up export prices on goods from US factories to uncompetitive levels.

Any big slide in the dollar, on the other hand, perhaps on fears that the next administration will fail to cut America's budget and trade deficits, might cause inflation. Import costs could rise. Even higher interest rates might be needed to prop it up.

Silver conspiracy verdict latest setback for Hunt family

DALLAS, Aug 21, (Reuter): The decision by a federal jury that the three Hunt brothers of Dallas conspired to manipulate the world silver market is the latest in a series of setbacks for the fabled billionaire family.

Once estimated to have been worth over \$5 billion, the collective fortune of Nelson Bunker, William Herbert Hunt and Lamar Hunt has dwindled to around \$1 billion, according to court documents.

Their problems began with the silver market crash in early 1980, which gave rise to the current trial, and was compounded by the slump in oil prices in 1986.

The federal jury in New York ruled yesterday that the three brothers tried illegally to push world silver prices artificially high in 1979-80 and damaged Peru's government-owned silver industry.

Deliberations

The jury, after five-and-a-half days of deliberations, ordered the brothers to pay about \$134 million in damages to Minpeco S.A., Peru's state-owned minerals company.

Minpeco alleged that the Hunts broke anti-trust and racketeering laws by scheming to fix prices and monopolise the silver market after they bought a total of 59 million ounces in 1979-80, about a third of the world's supply at the time.

When prices plummeted back to about \$10 from \$50 an ounce in early 1980, the Hunts lost a projected profit of \$4 billion, instead ending up with a \$1.5 billion loss.

Minpeco sued for \$150 million and sought treble damages under the anti-trust and civil racketeering statutes.

The Hunts denied the claims, arguing that world political events drove up silver prices and that they too suffered losses when prices crashed.

In Dallas, the Hunts have

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Pittsburgh overcome Houston

YORK, Aug 21, (AP): Pittsburgh's Barry Bonds had the best solution for breaking up Ryan's no-hitter.

Lind's two-run single in ninth chased Ryan, who had 5-2 perfect innings, as Pirates beat the Houston 2-1 yesterday. The victory ended the second-place Pirates' winless 3-12 games in the National League East.

Ryan, 9-11, who has pitched a major-league record five no-hitters, retired the first 17 batters until walking pitcher John Smiley on a 3-1 pitch in the sixth. He singled to centre to end the no-hitter and took control on the play when the two tried to throw Smiley at him.

Lind followed Bonds' single with a single, scoring Smiley and Smiley with a run on relief pitcher Jerry Anderson. Ryan, who has had only one complete game starts, departed after suffering twisted back covering second Lind's hit.

Nolan Ryan is a great pitcher, one of the all-time greats, it nobody was going out there trying, "uh, oh, he can throw a Hitler," Bonds said. "You've got to get yourself out of that kind of game ... and try to approach it like you were facing another pitcher."

In San Francisco, Don Robinson allowed five hits in eight-plus innings and matched a career high with 10 strikeouts as the Giants beat the Phillies 4-3 in their fourth straight victory. It was the Phillies' seventh consecutive defeat, and they are 0-5 in the current West Coast trip. The Reds' Tom Browning allowed five hits in seven innings as Dave Collins and Nick Leyva drove in two runs apiece. Cincinnati defeated the Cardinals 5-4.

Gary Varsco scored the tie-breaking run for the Cubs in the ninth inning in Chicago by calling third and continuing home on catcher Ted Simmons' throwing error as the Braves were edged 5-4.

And in Los Angeles, Kirk Gibson singled home the tying run in the ninth inning and scored the game-winner on a two-base, wild pitch by reliever Joe Hesketh as the Dodgers beat Montreal 4-3 in their sixth straight victory.

Pinch-hitter Mickey Hatcher hit a one-out double in the ninth and was replaced by pinch-runner Dave Anderson. Anderson scored when Gibson blooped an 0-2 pitch into short centre field. After Gibson stole second, Hesketh, 3-2, threw a 1-2 pitch in the dirt and through the legs of catcher Nelson Santovenia, who covered the ball at the backstop but threw too late to get Gibson.

In Toronto, Rob Deer's three-inning keyed a five-run third and Paul Molitor went 3-for-4 to lead a 17-hit attack as Milwaukee sent Toronto to its fifth straight loss.

Tigers right-hander Walt Czerny improved his lifetime mark at Detroit to 36-11 and Wayne Murphy hit a two-run triple in the second inning for all 11 runs needed against the White Sox. Terrell, 7-10, allowed 11 hits, walked three and struck out three before giving way to Guillermo Hernandez with one hit and a runner on first in the ninth.

Results

American League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	9	10	.455	5
California	3	12	.200	1
Chicago	2	13	.154	1
Cleveland	4	14	.222	2
Toronto	8	15	.333	2
Oakland	7	16	.286	5
Atlanta	5	17	.263	4
St Louis	6	18	.296	2
Montreal	4	19	.233	3
Philadelphia	4	20	.200	1
Houston	2	21	.133	2

Standings

American League East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NY	72	50	.590	—
Calif	69	53	.566	3
Chi	66	54	.550	5
Clev	63	62	.504	10-12
Tor	60	63	.488	12-12
Oak	59	64	.480	13-12
ATL	42	75	.344	30

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SD	77	47	.621	—
Colo	64	54	.557	8
Ind	63	59	.516	11
Orn	61	62	.496	12
SAC	55	66	.455	20-12
SLC	49	75	.395	28

National League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NY	71	51	.582	—
Pitt	68	55	.553	31-2
Phil	63	59	.516	8
Ind	60	60	.506	10
Chi	58	68	.443	17
SLC	51	71	.418	20

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Calif	71	51	.582	—
Colo	66	57	.537	51-2
Ind	66	57	.537	51-2
Orn	62	59	.512	81-2
SAC	59	63	.484	12
SLC	41	81	.336	30

EVERT AND SHRIVER KNOCKED OUT OF CANADIAN OPEN

Sabatini and Zvereva to meet in final

MONTREAL, Canada, Aug 21. (UPI): Teenagers Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina and Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union yesterday advanced to the final of the \$315,000 Canadian Open with respective triumphs over second and third seeds Chris Evert and Pam Shriver.

Sabatini, 18, dispatched Evert 6-4, 6-3 in a 90-minute match to gain the Sunday meeting with Zvereva, who in the quarterfinals beat top seed Martina Navratilova. The fourth-seeded Sabatini was up a game break in each set over the 33-year-old Evert.

Zvereva, 17 and seeded sixth, whipped Shriver 7-5, 6-3, with speed and precise passing that turned around the match after she was broken by Shriver in the ninth game of the first set. She broke back the next game and proceeded to take 11 straight points to take the set.

Eventually

Shriver, 26, had Zvereva at love-40 in the first game of the second set but Zvereva fought back to deuce and eventually won the game before going up a break to win the set and match.

Shriver went to the net 80 times but won points on only 47 per cent of those occasions. Most of the time, Zvereva was able to pass her or make well-placed lobs. By contrast, Zvereva won the net only 12 times, winning points 58 per cent of the time.

Shriver became frustrated, cursing several times. Other times, she imitated Zvereva's gestures to show her anger at the



Zvereva returns a shot to Shriver in the semifinals. (Reuter wirephoto)

Soviet for pointing her finger at the ball when Shriver hit wide.

"It was a little frustrating out there," Shriver said after the match. "She was counterpunching very well. Her shot selection is smart. She moves well."

Shriver said Zvereva made her angry by making "euc shots" ins-

tead of just trying to win the point when Shriver was out of position.

She took a verbal shot at the baseline playing styles of youngsters such as Sabatini and Zvereva, whom she had beaten in straight sets at their only previous meeting earlier this year



Sabatini raises her arms in joy after beating Evert. (Reuter wirephoto)

at Dallas.

"I know the spectators love to see those little young kids who hit the passing shots," she said. "But if they took away the few of us

who serve and volley, it would be a pretty boring game."

When told that Shriver had described her finger pointing as

the tactic of a junior player,

Wilander outlasts Krickstein

Edberg tames Jarryd in semifinal



Edberg: won in straight sets

CINCINNATI, Aug 21. (Reuter): Top-seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden defeated compatriot Anders Jarryd 6-3, 6-4 yesterday to force a final against countryman Mats Wilander who advanced with a straight-set victory over American Aaron Krickstein.

Both players have met 14 times so far with Wilander leading 9-5.

They have only played each other once this year, in the semifinals of the Australian Open in Melbourne last January, and Wilander won the match 6-0, 6-7, 6-3, 6-6, 6-1.

Jarryd scored the first service break yesterday to go up 3-2.

Serve

But Edberg immediately broke back, and was never in trouble again.

At 5-3 in the second set, Jarryd saved three match points on his serve, but lost the next game and the match which lasted one hour and 18 minutes.

"This is my best match of the week," Edberg said. "I was serving and moving well, especially after I broke him early in the first set. I felt confident because I have beaten Anders the last six or

seven times that we have played each other."

In the earlier Wilander-Krickstein match, the Swede made it a habit of attacking the net on the American's backhand and won 6-2, 6-7 (7-5).

The second-seeded Wilander, showing more than usual consistency from the baseline, won the last four games of the first set to make it 6-2.

He lost his serve in the opening game of the second set, but broke back immediately and went on to a 2-2 lead. Serving for the match at 5-3, he played a couple of lose points, letting Krickstein get back into the match and win the next two games. But Wilander settled down in the tiebreak, taking a 6-4 lead, and finishing it 7-5.

"Aaron is playing better than ever before," said Wilander of his 12th-seeded opponent.

Krickstein said he was fairly satisfied with his results this week.

"I beat some good guys, and that should give me confidence for the US Open. I feel I'm playing even better than I was in 1984, even though them, I was a top ten player."

The French sports commission announced the 286-member French squad on Friday, with three pole vaulters chosen ahead of Quinon: Philippe Collet, Thierry Vigneron and Philippe d'Encausse.

The US Cycling Federation also released the names of the riders who will represent the United States in the road team time trial in Seoul.

They are Jim Copeland, Cary, North Carolina; Tony Palmer, Boulder, Colorado; Norm Alvis, Sacramento, California, and Andy Paulin, East Palo Alto, California. John Frey, of Albuquerque, N.M., was named first alternate.

Quinon out of 1988 Games

PARIS, Aug 21, (AP): Pierre Quinon, the gold medalist in the pole vault at the 1984 Olympics, has failed to qualify for the French team for the Seoul Games.

The French sports commission announced the 286-member French squad on Friday, with three pole vaulters chosen ahead of Quinon: Philippe Collet, Thierry Vigneron and Philippe d'Encausse.

Quinon has been hobbled by injuries in the past three years, but was hoping to defend his gold medal against the current record holder, Sergei Bubka of the Soviet Union.

"It's terrible," Quinon was quoted as saying in yesterday's editions of the sports newspaper L'Equipe. "For me, everything rested on a roll of the dice at the French championships."

Battle

The 19-year-old Tarango, showing surprising resilience in a two-hour battle, beat Simon Youl of Australia, 7-6 (7-1) 6-7 (6-7) in the other semifinal.

"I feel that I'm hitting the ball very well and am peaking at the right time for the US Open," said Agassi, who scored two service breaks in the first set and one in the second.

Doumbia broke once in the opening set to pull into a 2-2 tie before the favourite took control.

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SPORTS**SPORTS BRIEFS****Gold Cup**

THE organising committee of the Salcede United Sports Centre has announced that the 3rd annual Gold Cup football tournament will be held from Sept. 9. Entries will be accepted until Sept. 1. For further information contact Peter, Tel. 2434415 or Mariano, Tel. 4744150 after 5.00 pm.

Sabah cricket

THE Sabah Cricket Tournament is being organised at the Safeway Cricket Ground, Farwaniya, from Sept. 23. Teams interested in taking part in the tournament should contact Naseem Khurshed, Tel. 4815077 ext 513 from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm before Aug. 25.

Unity hockey

UNITY Hockey Association (KOC) has scheduled the 1988-89 hockey season to start late next month. Entries of various tournaments will be open until Sept. 22. The KOC hockey grounds are available for practice every Sunday and Tuesday. For further information contact Naeem Janjua, Tel. 3989111 ext 7325 or 3982776 or Khalid Arshad, Tel. 3989111 ext 6228.

YMCA Cup

THE YMCA Winners Cup cricket tournament is scheduled to start soon with the draws set for Aug. 26 at 9.00 am at the Kuwait Luka Restaurant in Fahsheel. For further information contact Peter Castelino, Tel. 3929518 from 4.30 pm to 8.00 pm. The tournament is being sponsored by the Abdul Hadi Al Malem Group.

World record

STAR ZAGORA, Bulgaria, Aug. 21, (Reuter): Bulgaria's Yordanka Donkova set a world record of 12.21 seconds in the 100 metres hurdles, regaining the best mark from compatriot and arch-rival Ginka Zagorcheva.

OCA chief

THE chairman of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad Al Sabah, has sent invitations to top international sports officials to attend the inauguration of the 7th session of OCA general secretariat in Seoul on September 21.

Czech defector

TORONTO, Aug. 21, (AP): Czechoslovak defector Marcel Gery of Toronto was named to Canada's Olympic swimming team dependent on his receiving early Canadian citizenship from the federal government.

Security measures

TOKYO, Aug. 21, (AP): Japanese airports today began special security procedures aimed at preventing possible terrorist acts against the Olympic Games, scheduled to begin next month in neighbouring South Korea, officials said.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Hubra Bridge Club game held on Saturday:
N/S
1. Nabil & Nabil Atel
2. Dr Parekh & Mr Sapre
3. Yaseen & Ghazi
E/W
1. John & Menon
2. Mrs Sapre & D. Pereira
3. Mrs B. Pereira & D'Souza

AOUITA SETS PERSONAL BEST TIME IN 800M**Smith speeds past Johnson again**

COLOGNE, West Germany, Aug. 21, (Reuter): American Calvin Smith beat world record holder Ben Johnson for the second time in five days today, winning the men's 100 metres at the Cologne Athletics Grand Prix.

He was sixth at the bell and moved up to third behind Brazil's 1984 Olympic champion Joaquim Cruz and his compatriot Jose Luis Barboza with 200 metres left.

Forced to go the long way around the two hurty Brazilians to win, Aouita effortlessly did just that, timing his run to perfection down the finishing straight.

The cold and occasionally windy conditions prevented many other outstanding performances.

West German athletes trying to prove their fitness for Seoul after recent injuries failed badly. Former world steeplechase champion Patriz Ig and 400 metres hurdles stalwart Harald Schmid failed to finish their events, and 1984 Olympic high jump champion Dietmar Moegengen could manage only 2.20 metres.

The men's 400 metres hurdles was won by American Danny Harris in 49.85 seconds, while Jamaican Grace Jackson used her long legs to advantage to cruise past the rest of the field in the finishing straight and win the women's 400 metres.

Meanwhile, Russ Rogers, the head sprint coach of the US Olympic track and field team, said here yesterday that Carl Lewis was not behaving in the best interests of the American



Aouita: won easily

and the American 4x100 metres relay team that ran an Olympic warm-up at the Ivo van Damme Memorial meet in Brussels on Friday.

Lewis won the 100 metres in 10.04 seconds and de Loach took the 200m in 20.03 seconds.

Lewis came into the press box

at the Heysel stadium to tell reporters that Rogers had left him out of the relay squad and was "acting like a high school teacher," by not including him and de Loach.

Working

But yesterday Rogers told UPI prior to today's Weltklasse meet here, "Carl made that situation for himself, so did Joe de Loach. The guys that ran Friday night — Albert Robinson, Lee McNeill, Calvin Smith and Dennis Mitchell — have all been working at the training camp at Davos in Switzerland for the last 2.20 metres.

"But neither Joe nor Carl has been near or by the place. What am I supposed to do? Just because Carl Lewis tells me, 'I want to run in the relay and I want Joe to run as well,' am I to drop two guys who have been working for me the last four weeks?"

Gower denies plans to play in S. Africa

LONDON, Aug. 21, (Reuter): Former England skipper David Gower denied today that he would take part in a single-wicket cricket competition in South Africa next month.

"I know of this tournament but there is no danger of my taking part in it. I want to go to India with England this winter and there is no way I'd want to make waves by going to South Africa beforehand," he said.

Gower, who was dropped from the England Test team earlier this season, was listed by a British newspaper yesterday as among a number of players invited to take part in the competition next month.

Asked

England captain Graham Gooch admitted yesterday that he had been approached to play in South Africa, which is barred from international cricket because of its apartheid policies.

"I have been asked, along with a lot of others, but that is as far as it has gone," Gooch said.

One newspaper said three other England players — Chris Broad, Tim Robinson and South African-born Allan Lamb — were under contract to play in the competition.

Their participation could jeopardise England's planned tour of India later this year.

Wasim out

LONDON, Aug. 21, (Reuter): Wasim Akram, Lancashire's 22-year-old Pakistani paceman, had a minor operation on a groin strain yesterday and will miss the rest of the English county cricket season.

Torch

Nearly 21,000 people will participate in carrying the Olympic torch from Cheju to the Olympic stadium in Seoul for the opening ceremony on September 17.

The 4,200-km torch relay across South Korea, which will last 22 days, will be carried out by runners, ships and cars.

Lietzke on top after 3rd round

CASTLE ROCK, Colo., Aug. 21, (Reuter): American Bruce Lietzke carried the hottest hand yesterday to lead at the end of the third round of the \$1.1 million International Golf Tournament with 14 Stableford points.

Lietzke thus led the way into today's final round and will be challenged by 17 others in the race for the first-place prize of \$180,000 here at the Castle Pines Golf Club.

There were 54 golfers in the starting field yesterday and scoring was exception in the perfect conditions. Americans Ben Crenshaw and Jodie Mudd were tied with 13 points going into today's final round.

Awarded

Under the modified Stableford scoring system, five points are awarded for eagles — and Crenshaw had one yesterday — two points are awarded for birdies, zero for pars, minus-one for bogeys and minus-three for double-bogey or worse — and Jack Nicklaus had two double-bogies.

Nicklaus appeared to be in position to make it into the final round until he drove the ball into scrub brush on the par-five 17th hole.

After trying to hit a shot left-handed and taking unplayable lie drops, he finally finished without holing out, thus taking credit for a double-bogey. He then bogeyed the last hole, to finish with only three points. He lost four points on those two holes. He would have made it with seven.

Lietzke had eight birdies and

two bogeys and said he was able to build up a large enough lead early in the round that he could relax through the incoming nine.

Nicklaus finished in a four-way tie for 34th, worth \$3,275 from the total purse of \$1 million.

That was enough to make him the first man to reach \$5 million in career earnings. He's now at \$5,002,825.

Nicklaus also was the first to reach \$2 million, \$3 million and \$4 million in official Professional

Golfer's Association tour earnings.

But he said yesterday's round was one that would stick in his memory.

"One of the oddest rounds of golf I've ever played," Nicklaus said.

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three bogeys, one double bogey and one "X". There were three unplayable lies, two left-handed shots, one hit spectator and one shot in the water.

Xuereb takes PSG clear at top of table

PARIS, Aug. 21, (Reuter): A goal by striker Daniel Xuereb five minutes before halftime gave Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) a 1-0 away victory over Toulon to carry them two points clear at the top of the French League yesterday.

It was a typically workmanlike performance by the Paris club who have won six out of seven matches this season while conceding only one goal, after struggling to avoid relegation last season.

They lead Auxerre, comfortable 3-0 winners over newly promoted Caen, by two points and have a game in hand.

Bordeaux, the only unbeaten side in the League, looked set for an impressive away win in Toulouse thanks to a 3-5 minute goal from new English signing Clive Allen.

Snatch

But the home side, who had midfielder Pascal Despeyroux sent off in the 73rd minute, hit a last-minute equaliser through veteran Dominique Rocheteau to snatch a 1-1 draw.

Champions Monaco also grabbed a 90-minute goal from midfielder Marcel Diib to take all three points at Saint-Etienne and move up to fifth in the table on 14 points.

If Xuereb's goal was a persuasive argument for his case to play for France in Wednesday's friendly against Czechoslovakia, the other two strikers in the squad were no less eloquent.

Jean-Pierre Papin scored twice in Marseille's 3-2 away victory in Strasbourg and Stephane Paillie got the goal which gave Sochaux a 1-0 win over Metz.

Mitchell passes Williams on final dive

Kimball does a back 2-1/2 somersault pike position. (Reuter wirephoto)

and platform diving, placed first earlier yesterday and controversial Bruce Kimball was third after the men's preliminary platform competition.

Kimball's car plowed into a group of teens on a dead-end street in Brandon, Florida, on Aug. 1. Two teens were killed and six others were injured. Kimball,

a silver medal winner at the Los Angeles Games, was charged with five felony counts of driving under the influence and is competing while free on \$10,000 bond pending an Aug. 29 court hearing.

Matt Scoggan moved into second place, ahead of Kimball, on the last round of the prelims.

When the scoreboard showed Kimball had dropped out of second place, loud cheers and applause went up from six protesters wearing pink T-shirts with the words "remember the victims" in blue letters on their backs.

The six, who sat silently whenever Kimball dived and applauded the other competitors, made the 1,000-mile (1,600-kilometre) trip from Brandon and have been conducting an orderly protest to Kimball's participation.

The top two finishers qualify for the US team going to the Seoul Olympics, and the protesters maintain Kimball should not be allowed to represent the United States.

Louganis, who qualified for

his fourth Olympic team by winning the springboard event on

Friday night, scored 665.19

points for his 10 dives in the

prelims.

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Lietzke holds the ball after making a birdie putt on the 17th hole. (Reuter wirephoto)

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